SOCIETY AT THANKSGIVING

Week Just Passed the Gayest Yet of the Social Year.

MISS FLORENCE MORSE'S COMING OUT

And Far More Than the Usual Number of Pleasant Happenings Beside Enliven the Ever Joyous Period Round About Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving brings each year a host of attendant pleasures in its train, which combine to make the last week of the autumn months one of the busiest of the season in the realm of society. This year is no exception to the general rule, and the week just past holds the record thus far for gayety. The pace has been a swift one, as jaded young men and maidens not a few can attest this morning, and it has tried the capacity of many who entered the competition without sufficient preliminary training. The brilliant Monday Night club ball, held this time, in defiance of the club name, on Wednesday, the altogether delightful reception and dancing party by means of which Miss Florence Morse was launched with due ceremony into the social swim, the large hop of the "Montezumas," the many smaller but equally enjoyable balls, receptions, card parties, dinners, teas and chafing-dish experiments, filled from end to end a week which, though it may be equalled, is not likely to be surpassed in activity during the winter.

Dinners might be expected to a feature of society columns during Thanksgiving week, by people who are past the puritanical stage of observance of the November festival and have not yet wholly given themselves over to the foot ball cult. But as a matter of fact, folks when they dine at all on Thanksgiving day dine very much as they do on the other 364 days of the year, a little more elaborately, perhaps, and with the addition to ordinary bills of fare of certain dishes of good old New England, peculiar to the time. But dinners which embrace the members of more than one household are so common on Thanksgiving day that the list would be great out of all reason. In the older civilization of the eastern states it is possible to fill a long table with three generations of one family, the patriarchs at the ends and the many children and more grandchildren stretching between on both sides of a board which fairly groans with New England plenty. After a while the table is lighter and it is the grandchildren who groan. How some of us remember it, and long for the old days in this far western land, where the grandfathers are few! There used to be pie for breakfast—four kinds—on Thanksgiving day and and on no other day in the year! People went reverently to church then, and paid to Divine Providence the solemn tribute which the founders of the day enjoined; and afterward with glad hearts and happy faces addressed themselves to the feast which that Providence had bestowed. Now, as like as not, they wholly avoid the sanctuary, and go without their dinners in order to see a couple of dozen husky young gentlemen, armed cap-a-pie, struggle and tumble about on a gridiron field in fierce and often deadly competition for a pig-skin spheroid the intrinsic worth of which is not over $4. And then they go home, half frozen, and, with pneumonia imminent, either sit down to an evening Thanksgiving dinner (which is an abomination) or else mix up a Welsh rabbit in a chafing-dish, which they are pretty apt to allow to get stringy and gutta-perchy for want of sufficient stirring.

Debut of Miss Florence Morse.

The third of the season's debutantes was auspiciously started on what bids fair to be a voyage of social triumphs last Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Florence Morse was formally introduced to society at a reception given by Mrs. W. V. Morse for her daughter. As on former occasions of a similar nature which have enlivened the present season, the floral decorations were elaborate and profuse. The rooms were literaly filled with all the choicer varieties of roses and chrysanthemums, the delicate tints of which were set off by the dark green of smilax and the verdure of palms and ferns. Yellow was the prevailing color in the dining room, where Mrs. Cowin and Mrs. Shiverick poured tea and coffee at a table decked with chrysanthemums and ribbons of that hue.

Miss Florence Morse, whose popularity among her friends, originally great, has increased with the widening of the circle of acquaintances since her return from school last summer, is a brunette of graceful figure and much charm of manner. At her coming out she wore a gown of white satin and white tulle, and her flowers were violets. Mrs. Morse received in a gown of figured green velvet, with a vest of white satin and opalescent trimming. Mrs. Morse and Miss Florence were assisted by Mrs. William Lehmer, Mrs. Joseph R. Lehmer, Mrs. Richard Carrier, Mrs. Edward P. Peck, Mrs. William R. Morris, Mrs. Charles Offutt, Mrs. Henry W. Yates, Mrs. George I. Gilbert, Miss Morse, Miss Crawford of Chicago, Miss Peck, Miss Gilbert, Miss Nash and Miss Devoe.

In the evening folowing the reception Mr. and Mrs. Morse entertained at a dancing party in celebration of their daughter's debut. The canvassed floors were in fine condition and the music and refreshments perfect after their kind. Miss Crawford of Chicago assisted Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Miss Morse and Miss Florence Morse in receiving their guests. These present were: Misses Gilbert, Crounse, Nash, Buck, Allen, Devoe, Sargent, Abel of Dakota, Kountze, Lindsey, Ballance, Dickinson, Taylor, Shiverick, Sloan, Pinney of Council Bluffs, Hoagland, Crawford, Morse and Florence Morse; and Messrs. Colpetzer, Young, Morsman, Pratt, Shiverick, Colt, J. E. George, Wilson, Pinney, William S. Rogers, John Patrick, Floyd Smith, Berlin, Wing Allen, Enpkie, Lindsey, Cooley, Hoagland, Palmer and Cowin.

Monday Night Club.

The second of the Monday Night club parties, which occurred at the Millard hotel last Wednesday night, was even more successful, if that were possible than the first of the series. Some sixty couples were present, and as before, dancing was not continued after 12 o'clock. The reception committee consisted of Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Redick and Mrs. Hitchcock. Among those seen on the floor were Messrs and Mesdames C. E. Smith, Kirkendall, W. F. Allen, Clifford Smith, Meikle, Charlton, Hull, Burkley, Wheeler, Peck, Mercer, Carter, Arthur C. Smith, Bradford, Lent, Hitchcock, Forbes, W. A. Redick, C. E. Squires, Funk and Love; Mrs. Vaill, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Marshall, of Lincoln; Misses Curtis, Boal of Chicago, Alexander, Kissam Tukey, Lindsey, Crounse, Hunting of Boston, Moore, Montgomery, Millard, Dickinson, Peck, Cady, Allen, Palmer, Sloan, Taylor, Squires, Rolfe and Wilson of Nebraska City, Buck, Bartlett, Kountze, Pinney, Mount, Bennett, Cook, Hoagland, Florence Morse, Crawford of Chicago, Creighton and Sharp; and Messrs. Clements, Chase, Hamilton and Lewis of Fort Crook, Heth, C. C. Rosewater, Young, Crary, Hall, W. Farnam Smith, Colpetzer, Morsman, Cooley, Perry, Tarleton, W. H. Wheeler, George, Berlin, Redick, Shiverick, Fonda, Swobe, Gilbert, Mallalieu, Love, Dixon, Creigh, Palmer, Wilkins, Robert Patrick, John Patrick, Paxton, W. B. Allen, Crowder, Clough, Metcalf and Raymond.

Montezumas' Thanksgiving Party.

One of the prettiest and most delightful social diversions of this season was the Montezumas' Thanksgiving party last Thursday evening. The large number of beautiful costumes worn by the ladies, and the many charming young people present went far toward making a brilliant event. A fine orchestra furnished the music, and dainty refreshments were served during the promenades. A large number of members of the Ideal club of South Omaha were present as also many of the Turner Ladies' club. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Lundeen and Mrs. Wigman. Among those present were: Misses Beecher, A. Rush, G. Rush, Salmon, Frazier, Florence Winters, Laura Winters, Peterson, Fitzpatrick, Peters, Alice Brady, Susie Brady, Larsen, Gamble, Allen, Tizard, Griest, Donavan, Andres, Julius, De Pue, Stamel, Minnie Andres, Ida Andres, Ruelen, Heacock, Brinkman, Edholm, Brennan, Sievers, Ehlers, H. Ehlers, Ashford, Alice Rockhud, McQuillan, Hume, Emily Wigman, Linda Wigman, Linquist, Hansen, Doe, Devine, Burkhart, Reynolds, Bath, Lundeen, Evans, May Swanson, Farr, Jennie Farr, Zunack of Neligh, Russell of Sioux City, Hoyt of Lincoln and Mrs. Wilde of Neligh; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Elrod, Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Reynolds; Messrs. Hansen, Forbes, Gernandi, Billington, Sheehan, Ehlers, Coulter, Bell, Vandervoort, Neal, Kennedy, McCulloh, Wurl Zutzman, Niederwieser, Lewis, Evans, Moriarity, McQuillan, Olmstead, Kingsley, French, Brinkman, Kaufmann, Burr, Halpine, Powell, Nelson, Will Stockham, McCall, Hurst, Hunt, Horton, Cardwell, Hutchison, Kessler, Nelson, Rush, Whitman, Beecher, Montague, Heney, Coombs, Claude Stockham, Burkhart, Baumer, Harry Christie, Will Christie, Lehman, Blackwell, Reynolds, Vaughan, Stone, and Hannan.

With the Thurston Rifles.

Private Harry Stafford returned early in the month from Chicago, where he spent several days visiting friends.

The resignations of Privates Lacy, Patterson and Harry Thompsett have been approved and accepted.

Private Lancaster left the latter part of last week for an extended visit among friends and relatives in the southern states.

Cupid has again shot his arrow into the ranks with telling effect, the victim this time being Private Robert Forgan, who was married to Miss Lizzie Ransdam on October 28. The deserting private answered to his charge in the usual military style and thus received a vote of congratulations and the best wishes of his comrades for a bright and happy future.

While in Omaha Thanksgiving day, Messrs. E. J. Straight, L. E. Davis, Charles S. Hoyt, F. A. Livinghouse, S. M. Lafferty, F. E. Hurd and C. E. Spangler of the Lincoln Light infantry were the guests of the Thurston Rifles.

Private Scrambling is undoubtedly the busiest man in the company at present. Aside from attending to his unique cigar stand in one of the cozy corners of the armory, he presides over the company property with much dignity.

Musician Risley has received communications from Governor Holcomb and Adjutant General Barry, acknowledging the receipt of several photos of the "Grasshopper Club" on dress parade at Camp Thomas September 19.

Mr. Charles Wearne, brother of Private Fred Wearne, and Mr. G. Premeau were unanimously elected to active membership at a recent company meeting. The recruits were arranged before the company and the solemn writs and other ceremonies of initiation as used by the "grasshoppers" were duly imposed.

On December 18 the Thurston Rifles will celebrate their third anniversary as members of the National guards. On that evening twenty-five of the members will be eligible to an honorable discharge from the Nebraska National guard by reason of the expiration of their term of enlistment. Lieutenant Stockham, Sergeant Wallace Taylor and Sergeant Lee Forby, who are to have charge of the affair, have promised something above the ordinary for that evening's pleasure.

Now that the social season is duly inaugurated the Thurston Rifles have issued invitations for a series of five formal dancing parties to be given on the evenings of December 4, January 22, February 12, March 26 and April 16. Musician Risley, Sergeant Richards and Corporal George Gillespie have been appointed to comprise the social committee for the season and are using every effort to make the function for next Friday evening a most elaborate affair. Refreshments will be served between dances.

The individual drills and informal hops will continue as usual at the discretion of Captain Foye.

Crystal Thanksgiving Banquet.

The annual Thanksgiving banquet of the Crystal League Literary society was held Thursday evening in the private dining room of the Millard hotel. The guests gathered in the parlors and shortly after 8 o'clock proceeded to the banquet room to partake of the good things with which the table was laden. After ample justice had been done to the turkey and its trimmings, the president, Mr. A. S. Pinto, in a few appropriate remarks, announced the toasts, which were responded to as follows:

"1620," Mr. H. A. Whipple; "1776," Mr. Ray Beatty; "The Ladies," Mr. E. C. Hedder; "Our Hosts," Miss Margaret Bennett; "Our National Emblem," Mr. A. S. Borglum; "Our Victories," Mrs. George W. Street; "Our Future," Mr. A. P. Karbach. The following were present: Misses Nellie Baird, Othalia M. Karbach, Mildreth Pace, Mabel Spaulding, Iva Hulihen, Ruth Sprague, Katie Griffith, Margaret Bennett, Myrta Schneider and Mrs. George W. Street; Messrs. Arthur P. Karbach, Charles Battelle, Herbert A. Whipple, Frank E. Bliss, Ernest L. Ferrell, Arnold S. Borglum, George O. W. Platner, A. S. Pinto, Ray Beatty, George W. Street, Ernest C. Hodder and Howard Bruner.

Pronger-Davies.

A very pleasant social occasion was the marriage of Mr. James T. Pronger of Cheney, Wash., to Dr. Emma J. Davies of Omaha, which ocurred last Tuesday noon at the First Baptist church.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, Rev. Frederic Davies of Illinois, assisted by Rev. T. L. Kitman, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city. Miss Rowley played the wedding march from "Lohengrin" while the bridal party entered the church, the groom and his best man, Mr. E. G. Hampton, coming in from the left, and the bride, attended by her bridesmaid, Miss Pronger of Lincoln, from the altar of the pulpit, meeting before the altar, where the ceremony was solemnized.

Mrs. Pronger is well and favorably known in social and professional life in Omaha, while Mr. Pronger is cashier of a bank in Cheney, Wash., and has many friends there as well as in this city, where he formerly resided. Mr. and Mrs. Pronger left at 4 o'clock of the day of their wedding for their home in the far west, accompanied by the good wishes of a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davies of Nebraska City and Miss Pronger of Lincoln were out-of-town guests at the wedding.

At a Calico Party.

A delightful calico party was given on Friday evening by Misses Emily Wareham and Alice Ferguson, at the home of Miss Wareham, 2603 North Seventeenth avenue. Each of the fifty guests received a card with ten conundrums written thereon. Prizes were won by Mr. Chandler Holmes and Miss Lucy Mack. The house was brilliantly illuminated and decorated with pink and white carnations. A pretty feature of the evening was the drawing of neckties, made by the fair hands of the young ladies, to match their dresses, the choice determining by whom they were to be escorted to the refreshment tables. The balance of the evening was spent with music, games and dancing.

Those invited were: Messrs. Holmes, Chandler Holmes, Morton, Hiss, Charles and Herbert Woodland, Munnecke, Marriott, Lehmer, Zust, Wagenseller, Fisher, Neal, Denise, Wallace, Burr, Maguire, Sears, Houska, Evans, Gould and Wareham; Misses Rockfellow, Gordon, Pinkerton, Currens, Mack, Porter, Webb, Maguire, Boyd, Merriott, Munnecke, Frederickson, Hatelip, Bessie Hatelip, Askwith, Ellen Askwith, Deise, Yoder and Bessie Ferguson.

Weddings and Engagements.

Mr. Will Roney and Miss Grace I. Waterman, both of Omaha, were married on Thanksgiving day by Rev. S. Wright Butler.

Mr. Charles H. Marple and Miss Mora Balcombe have been receiving congratulations during the past week on the announcement of their engagement.

Mr. Ira L. Van Camp and Miss Minnie A. Curry were married on Wednesday, November 25, at the Castellar Street Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. J. M. Wilson officiating.

The marriage of Mr. Herman P. Sutorius of this city and Miss Frances Lauretta Rodenhaus will occur at the home of the bride's parents in Leavenworth, Kan., Tuesday, December 8.

Last Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. S. R. Wardle, 1105 Pacific street, Mr. John M. Lowe and Miss Grace E. Wardle, were united in marriage. Only a few intimate friends were present, among whom were: Messrs. and Mesdames John J. Parrott, Louis Burmester, H. S. Emory, O. L. Wohlford, Mr. A. W. Ross; Mrs. Dora May, Mr. M. L. Wardle, Mr. C. M. Rosebough, Mr. Ed Wardle, and the Misses Anna Hanting, Dollie Dressing, Neva Bons and Hattie Wardle. The bride was prettily gowned in light tan with pearls and chiffon and carried a large bouquet of white roses. The wedding march was played by Mrs. John Parrott, sister of the bride. After the ceremony a delightful wedding feast was served. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Howland of Tekamah. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe will be at home to friends after December 1 at 1105 Pacific street.

Last Tuesday morning at 8:30 mass Mr. Edmund Doherty and Miss Margaret Coffee were united in holy matrimony at St. Agnes' church, Rev. D. W. Moriarty officiating. The bride looked very pretty in a dress of pale blue albatross, trimmed in white chiffon. The bridesmaid wore a gown of cream crepon. Mr. Michael Donahue was best man. The ring was carried by the bride's little niece.

Mr. Melvin W. Knickerbocker of Radcliff, Ia., and Miss Cathlene Coine were married last Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. T. Canada, 2420 Charles street, Rev. Father O'Callaghan officiating. The bride has made many friends during her residence in Omaha and the groom is a wealthy farmer, living in Hamilton county, Iowa, where Mr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker will be at home to their friends after January 1.

A pretty wedding was celebrated in Denver last Wednesday evening, in which Miss Stella E. Hutchins, for several years and until recently a resident in Omaha, and Frank M. Kessler, a prominent young business and society man, were the principals, Rev. J. C. Ingram, founder of the Christian church of Omaha, officiating. Miss Helen Hutchins acted as bridesmaid, while Arthur Douglas was best man. The young couple were the recipients of many handsome and appropriate presents. Friends and relatives were present from Chicago, Omaha and San Diego, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler will be at home after Monday next at No. 98 Nelson avenue, Elyria.

Pleasures that Are Past.

Miss Sargent gave a Kensington yesterday afternoon.

Miss Knox gave an informal dancing party on Thanksgiving night.

Miss Buck gave a matinee tea yesterday for Mrs. Ward Burgess.

Mrs. Clinton N. Powell gave a large reception Friday afternoon for Mrs. Gardner and Miss Powell.

In honor of Mrs. B. Rosenthal, Mrs. A. Mandelberg entertained at cards last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teal, 2522 Maple street, gave a dinner and informal party to a few friends last Friday evening.

Mrs. Hoagland entertained at luncheon last Wednesday Mrs. McMillan of Salt Lake City, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Her and Mrs. Woodman.

Miss Curtis gave a small and informal 5 o'clock tea last Monday, and Mrs. Meikle similarly entertained the same young women on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haney were pleasantly surprised by a number of their friends one evening last week, it being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Miss Hostetter of 2215 Miami street entertained at cards last Friday evening. The Misses Rhenolds, Bowman, Eastman, Colen and Messrs. Boudinot, Brunner and Maine and Chase of Iowa City were present.

A large number of the members of the First Congregational church and society surprised Rev. and Mrs. Frank A. Warfield at their residence last Tuesday evening. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by the participants.

Miss Lindsey entertained at a matinee tea last Wednesday for her guests, Miss Montgomery and Miss Moore of Council Bluffs. She was assisted by Mrs. Crofoot, Miss Buck, Miss Kountze, Miss Hoagland, Miss Crouse and Miss Creighton.

The Gemuethlichkeit High Five club held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burster. Mr. G. B. Dake and Mrs. Robert Rosenzweig were the victors; Mr. P. Elsasser and Mrs. George Mittauer received the consolation prizes.

Mrs. A. Mandelberg gave a high five party Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. B. Rosenthal and about sixty guests were present. The house was artistically decorated with palms and chrysanthemums. The prizes were a silver brush and a silver smelling bottle. A delicious supper was served.

The progressive euchre party given by the Misses Hamilton last Monday afternoon was a most delightful event. A patriotic tinge was given to the occasion by the employment of flags and ribbons of the national colors instead of moral decorations. Miss Sloan, Miss Alexander and Miss Cook won prizes.

A pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Arlington club on Monday. Twelve games of high five were played, first prices being won by Mrs. Colin McHain and Mr. J. A. Hannon; consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Katie Mulvihey and Mr. A. Murphy, after which refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9.

Last Wednesday evening the Social Sixteen met at the residence of Mrs. H. W. Pitt to start the ball rolling for the coming season. A very pleasant evening passed, and after the cards were laid aside a most sumptuous repast was served. Among those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames B. Windheim, P. Windheim, Wigman, Webber, Cox and Pitt. Mrs. E. W. Yetter, cousin of the hostess, assisted to entertain in her usual charming manner.

One of the pleasantest functions of the week was the reception given by Mrs. J. S. Knox and Miss Florence Knox last Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were handsomely decorated with palms and chrysanthemums, the dining room being in pink, and white being elsewhere the prevailing color. Mrs. Knox received in brown taffeta silk and blue velvet, and Miss Knox's gown was of white brocaded satin trimmed with white fur. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. McCoy and by Misses Stone, Hartman, Haughey, Burgess, Parrotte, Tukey and Cady.

A most delightful surprise party was given in recognition of the wedding anniversary of Mr. Edward E. Willever last Wednesday evening, at his residence, 2921 Grace street. Progressive high five was the principal feature of the evening, Mrs. C. P. McDonald winning the first prize, Mrs. F. Johnson the second, and Mr. F. Johnson the "booby." Those present were: Messrs and Mesdames E. E. Willever, A. Hutchkiss, F. Hawley, C. P. McDonald, W. S. Smith, G. H. Devereux, F. L. Bugbee, David Johnson, D. Smith, Miss Nelson and Alfred Pizey. Delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Clara Lorenzen entertained a number of her friends Friday evening, November 27, in honor of her seventeenth birthday. The house was tastefully decorated with plants and cut flowers. Music and games were played until a late hour, when a dainty lunch was served. Among the invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wigman, Mr. and Mrs. Harte, Mrs. Dilrance, Misses Lulu Bell, Augusta Lehman, Marie Koch, Alice Wild, Alma Smith, Grace Walker, Cleo Henderson, May Ruffner, Bess Carvill and Lucy Parish, and Messrs. James Godfrey, Reed, Hanchett, Guy Thomas, Charles Hampton, Frank Mack, Harry Wade, Arthur Hayes, Will Brandt, Ed Munchoff, Arthur Hartman and John Dilrance.

The last meeting of the T. A. M. club was held at the residence of Miss Beulah Nelson. Twenty-third and Chicago streets. Although the evening was so disagreeable every member was present and spent a very pleasant evening. The company played until half-past 10, when light refreshments were served, after which Miss Nelson favored the club with one of the latest popular piano selections. Miss Grace Cleveland gave a recitation, which was followed by one from Mr. N. H. Nelson. The program was finished with music on the mandolin and guitar by Messrs. Hanna and Claude Stockholm. The party broke up about 12. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Misses Shields, Arlington, Nelson, Peago, Cleveland and Peterson, and Messrs. Stockholm, Gillespie, Nelson, Hanna, Melley and Searles.

Thanksgiving day at the Merriam was observed in quite an elaborate manner. The dining room was darkened and lighted with gas. Flowers were placed at every plate and the menu was of a character that would have done credit to any hotel in the land. In the evening an entertainment was given in the spacious parlors, consisting of a musical program rendered by Mrs. J. W. Cotton and Mrs. Louis Lent, which was thoroughly appreciated. Following the music was the presentation by Mr. C. F. Catlin of his illustrated and descriptive lecture, entitled "Glimpses of the White City, or the Beauties and Wonders of the World's Fair." For nearly two hours the audience was charmed by the magnificent stereopticon views (120 in number), as in rapid succession they appeared upon the scene and by the interesting and instructive description of them given by Mr. Catlin. It was indeed a most delightful entertainment and will not soon be forgotten by those who participated in it. Punch and light refreshments were served at the close.

Mrs. Roper Crickmore entertained the South Side Whist club at the Hotel Barker on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Tippery won the ladies' first prize, a handsome hand-painted plate; Mrs. Blanchard the second, a dainty hand-painted olive dish; Mr. Blanchard the gentlemen's first prize, a silver-tipped cane; the second, which went to Mr. Crickmore, was an ash receiver. Those present were: Mesdames. Blanchard, Rogers, Shelly, Tippery, Hall, Read, Darlington, Anderson, Driscoll, Thompson, Marty, Mrs. Christiancy, Mrs. Crickmore and Miss Smith. Mrs. Hershber will entertain the club December 8 at 2570 Poppleton avenue.

A large and appreciative audience witnessed a most interesting program, given at Brown Park school, South Omaha, last Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the Misses Cleveland and Novaceck. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion and appropriate illustrations sketched on the blackboards. The program was very good and showed tireless efforts on the part of the teachers, one of whom was heard to remark that the large attendance amply repaid them for their labors. The next entertainment will be looked forward to with pleasure.

A very pleasant surprise party was given L. B. Walmer at 811 South Twenty-first street, in honor of his 21st birthday, last Friday evening. Music, games, dancing and recitations by a number of those present helped to pass a delightful evening. A number of valuable and useful presents were given Mr. Walmer. Those present were: Misses Kleckner, Swanson, Schonlaw, Beebe, Earle, Hart, Lizzie Sawyer, May Sawyer, J. Bush, M. Bush; Mesdames Hart, Cussons and Best; Messrs. Stone, Greene, Fisher, Hart, Hutchinson, Best, Gooding and Walmer. A delicious lunch was served late in the evening.

The Imperial Whist club was entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Price, 1737 Georgia avenue, Wednesday evening, with the following members present: Mr. and Mrs. Truman Van Buren, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamilton, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherraden, Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Dorward, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Price and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bone. A very enjoyable evening was spent, Dr. Chase being the winner of the gentlemen's prize, and Mrs. W. E. Hamilton carrying off the ladies' prize. After refreshments were served the party broke up to meet in two weeks at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Sherraden.

The Excelsior Whist club was delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wigwam on Friday week, the most closely contested meeting of the season being enjoyed by those present. After the refreshments were served several musical selections were rendered by Mr. Mittauer and Mrs. Wigwam. Mrs. Burster and Mr. Mittauer captured the first prizes; Mrs. Williams and Mr. Fruehauf the boobies. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames George Mittauer, J. Burster, Robert Young, John A. McCulloch, G. W. Williams, Edgar L. Hoag, William H. Wigman, Miss Fruehauf and Mr. Fruehauf. The next party will be held at Miss Fruehauf's.

A Thanksgiving party and dance was given by the Married Men's association at 816 South Twenty-second street last Thursday evening. Among those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames William Ostrander, William Krec, A. Swoboda, G. W. Brown, J. F. Meyers, Henry Merriam, Dr. Merriam, Thomas Birchmore, William Bourke, J. Anderson, William Weighe, Walter Libe, William Connorsh and J. G. Gullen; Mrs. Beacom of Sioux City, Mrs. C. B. Chatfield, Misses Marie Schmidt of Avoca, Bessie Greers, Frieda Vom Weg, Kathleen Clark, Mary Bath, Brown, Maude Brown and Bourke, and Messrs. George Sargent, James Greers and Albert Lindbland.

Pleasures in Prospect.

The Forest Hill Whist club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Bruce next Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. D. Van Court will entertain, on Thursday, for Mrs. C. E. Van Court of Council Bluffs.

Mrs. H. H. Baldrige will receive, next Wednesday afternoon, in honor of her guest, Miss Ballance.

The ladies' section of the Omaha Turn Verein will give their first annual calico ball December 5.

The monthly competitive drill and informal dance of the Omaha Guards takes place Monday night.

Mrs. Philip Potter will give a high five party tomorrow afternoon for Miss Wilson and Miss Rolfe of Nebraska City.

The Social Glee club will give a social dance at Patterson hall, corner of Seventeenth and Farnam streets, next Thursday evening.

Hayden Bros.' Social club will give its fourth dance next Wednesday evening at the Thurston Rifles armory. The arrangement committee promises an enjoyable evening.

The next dance of the Hayden Bros., G. T. C., is announced for Wednesday evening, December 2, at the armory of the Thurston rifles. Dancing will begin at 8:30.

People Who Come and Go.

Mrs. Mary Allan Bock has returned from Mexico.

Mark A. Pollack is in Omaha visiting his parents.

Miss Abel of Dakota is visiting Mrs. W. R. Sterling.

Miss Crawford of Chicago is visiting Miss Florence Morse.

Miss Ballance of Peoria is visiting Mrs. Howard Baldrige.

Mr. Charles Ogden has returned from a visit in California.

Miss Florence Knox is at home from a visit in St. Louis.

Mrs. Marshall of Lincoln was the guest of Miss Mount last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burgess have returned from their wedding trip.

Mrs. D. H. Goodrich is in Chicago, the guest of Mrs. L. J. Drake.

Mrs. E. R. McMahon is at home for the winter at the Mercer hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cudahy are at home, from an eastern trip.

Miss Sloan is at home, after a visit of some weeks in Des Moines.

Miss Rolfe and Miss Wilson of Nebraska City are guests of Mrs. Vaill.

Mrs. Joseph Garneau of Chicago spent last week with Mrs. J. R. Ringwalt.

Miss Fannie Frost and Miss May Gates leave today for an eastern trip.

Miss Ella Day Scrader of Carthage, Ill., is a guest of Mrs. S. K. Spalding.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Chase have returned from a trip to New York.

Mr. Russell Wilbur has been elected leader of the Williams College Glee club.

Mrs. C. S. Montgomery returned yesterday from a fortnight's visit in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hopkins, formerly of Omaha, spent Thanksgiving in the city.

Miss Etta Brinkman has left for Sioux City for a few weeks' visit with friends.

Mr. George W. Scott of Illinois is visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson Battin of Barahoo, Wis., spent Thanksgiving in Omaha.

Mrs. J. E. Wilder and Miss Agnes Zanuck of Neligh are visiting the family of Jack Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans of St. Joseph spent Thanksgiving with Captain and Mrs. Palmer.

Miss Lansing of Lincoln has been the guest of Miss Gertrude Branch during the past week.

Arthur B. Pratt reached home Thanksgiving morn. He will return to Chicago Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ralph Lewis and her two little daughters from Swarthmore, Pa., are visiting Mr. Isaac Battin's family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Varley and their two children, Joseph and Adeline, left for New Brighton, Pa., Monday evening.

Mrs. McMillan of Salt Lake City has returned to her home after a visit of several weeks with old friends in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jay D. Foster, returned to Los Angeles last week.

Miss Alice Schairer of West Point and Miss Ella Giffert of Chicago are visiting in the city, the guests of Miss Bauman.

Mr. James E. North and his daughter, Miss May North, left for points in Iowa last Wednesday on a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. T. S. Coffey has returned from a three weeks' visit in Chicago and Irving Park, Ill. She spent Thanksgiving with her niece, Miss Triffin, who is attending school at the Convent of Our Lady.

Mrs. M. J. Greevy and Mrs. W. H. Sherraden, accompanied by their children, are visiting their parents at Missouri Valley, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bell and daughters of Lincoln are spending the Thanksgiving season as guests of Rev. H. S. MacAyeal and other Omaha friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Hunting of Boston, who have been spending the past month with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur H. Smith, will leave for the east this afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Turner of 892 Pacific street, with her two sons, Rudolf and Robert, and her daughter, Hazel, left last Friday for Kansas City, where they will remain for ten days.

Miss Elizabeth McEchron of Glens Falls, N. Y., who has been the guest during the past fortnight of Miss Grace Allen and of Miss Mabel Taylor, left for Evansville, Ind., last Monday. She will visit Omaha again later in the season on her way to California.

NOTES FROM OMAHA SUBURBS.

Benson.

Mrs. Griffith of Omaha spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Williams.

Mrs. Safford has recovered from her recent illness and is able to be around again.

Mrs. A. Colson and children of Ashland came down to spend Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Groves.

The children at the orphanage enjoyed a big dinner Thursday, which was provided by friends and patrons of the institution.

The regular business meeting of the Epworth league will be held at the church next Friday evening. After the business hour a short literary program will be given.

Thanksgiving exercises were had Wednesday afternoon at school by the scholars of all the rooms in the west room upstairs, which was appropriately decorated, a very good program was prepared, which wound up with a dialogue, "The Thanksgiving Biscuit." At the close of the exercises the little ones were made happy by refreshments of cakes, pies and other good things.

A meeting was held at the hall Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a literary society for the winter. There were not many present, it being a cold night, but much interest was shown by those who turned out, and it was decided to make a start. Mr. Williams opened the meeting, after which nominations were made for president. E. Hills was elected, who then took the chair. The following officers were then appointed: Secretary, Miss M. Safford; treasurer, E. A. Stiger; vice president, George W. Stiger. A committee of three was appointed to draft the by-laws, to be presented at the next meeting. The meeting adjourned after deciding upon a question for debate.

Fort Crook.

Captain Robert L. Getty left Wednesday for Washington, D. C., where he will spend several weeks visiting friends and relatives and attending to business.

First Lieutenant Harry E. Hodges reported for duty with the regiment after several years' absence spent with the agricultural college at Durham, N. H., as professor of military science.

Major Lauderdale, medical department, was retired from active service November 13. Major Lauderdale was post surgeon at Fort Crook for some weeks after the advent of the Twenty-second into the post.

Sergeant Park, company E, was discharged on expiration of his term of service Tuesday and re-enlisted Wednesday. This will be the last "hitch" for him, as he has only a short while to serve to make up his thirty years.

The first grand orchestral concert was given by the Twenty-second infantry orchestra in the post hall Friday evening under the direction of Principal Musician W. O. Thompson. Sergeant Thompson, as leader, had his men under perfect control. Private John Lapini deserves great credit for the masterly manner in which he handled the first violin parts, as do Privates Lynch, first trombone, and Bergh, the solo clarionet. Private Cassell, the celebrated bass player, did some fine execution.

WORKING AWAY AT THE CHARTER.

Dr. Saville Presents His Ideas Concerning the Board of Health.

The city council charter revision committee resumed operations in the city hall last night with six councilmen, the deputy city clerk and two outsiders present. It continued to amend along the line of the amendments suggested two years ago and waded through about twenty pages of charter during the evening.

The first matter considered was the Board of Health section, which had been submitted to Dr. J. J. Saville at the previous meeting. Dr. Saville presented his ideas of the section as it should be and if they are ever engrafted into the laws of Nebraska the Board of Health of Omaha will be a body inferior only in power to the congress of the United States. He recommended that the board should be made to consist only of the mayor, commissioners of health and chief of police. In his opinion the board should have power to seize any building and use it as a pest house in an emergency by making reasonable compensation therefor. It should also be authorized to compel any repairs or alterations that it deemed necessary in hotels, lodging houses, etc. These and numerous other similar recommendations were laid over without action.

E. J. Cornish presented a very thorough report on the question of an occupation tax. He vigorously opposed such a tax, but this subject was also laid over in view of the small attendance.

After some desultory discussion on municipal matters the committee adjourned to Wednesday night.

OBJECT LESSON IN PATRIOTISM.

M. H. Redfield Delivers a Lecture on General Grant.

The local branch of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America held an open session in the hall at Fourteenth and Dodge streets last night. The feature of the evening was a lecture by M. H. Redfield on "Grant." Mr. Redfield has for years been an ardent admirer of the general and has collected a great amount of material connected with the illustrious soldier-statesman. This material has been embodied in the lecture which was delivered last night to an audience which filled the large hall. The speaker devoted his attention more especially to the military history of General Grant and drew from this history many lessons of patriotism.

The music for the occasion was furnished by Mrs. A. G. Edwards, who sang a selection entitled "Life," by Blumenthal, and "The Vacant Chair."

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

"Lessons from an Old Drama," an interesting subject by a fine speaker, President R. C. Hughes of Tabor college, Iowa; place the Young Men's Christian association, Sunday at 4 p. m. There will be good singing by a male quartet, F. L. Willis, Jay Northrop, J. H. Adams and W. H. Alexander. If you want to spend a profitable and delightful hour take it in. All men invited.

In connection with the Thanksgiving dinner at the building it is of interest to note that of the members present five had been in Omaha less than thirty days, seventeen less than one year, ten less than two years, while of the entire number only twenty-four had been here over five years.

Membership teams of five will lunch together at the building Tuesday at 12 noon.

Quite a number of men are joining the association at this time. In connection with this it is suggested that a most excellent birthday or Christmas gift to any young man would be a membership ticket. It is the custom of the Wells-Fargo Express company to present on January 1 to its 200 or more San Francisco clerks tickets in that association.

HALF HAS NOT YET BEEN TOLD.

Society Circus Will Eclipse All Previous Performances.

The two great states of Iowa and Nebraska join glad hands across the muddy Missouri for sweet charity's sake. This will be the most magnificent and soul-inspiring ex