

NEARING THE END OF LENT

Revival in the Realm of Society Expected Soon.

CLOSE OF A SEASON OF FASTING IN SIGHT

With Consciences Cleared Several of the Social Set Will Soon Prepare to Again Plunge into the Whirl of Pleasure.

On the well known principle that "Blessings brighten as they take their flight," the period of Lent being generally accepted as a bleating, however effectively disguised, may be truly said to grow more tolerable as its successive weeks roll by and bring the pious devotee nearer and yet nearer to the resurrection time of pleasure and of gaiety.

Of the sports which, though not strictly pertaining to Lent, are nevertheless tacitly if not categorically sanctioned by the church, the involuntary and athletic pastime of chasing a trout along the public highways holds a high place in reason of the breadth of its opportunities and the exceeding wildness of its scope.

The pursuit of a fugitive hat furnishes exhilarating exercise and a fine healthful hobby glow to the actual participant, although it is not so beneficial to the hat itself.

The J.M. club gave a very pleasant informal dancing party Friday evening at the Thurstons residence. Those present were Messrs. and Mrs. J. M. Clifton, J. Williams, W. S. Staley, Misses Edna Martin, Laura Harter, Grady, Williams, Macomber, Ward, Corrie, Austin, Hartman, Armstrong, Kessler, McFarland, Schmidt, Curtis, Gunter, Burrill, Wright, Abbott, Byrne, Frank, Salisbury and Fouts of Fremont.

The Omaha Whist club will entertain the Ladies' Whist club at its rooms in The Doo building on Wednesday evening.

The Social Ten will be entertained by Mrs. F. B. Nichols at her residence, 3109 Pacific street, Wednesday afternoon.

Captain and Mrs. B. F. Reynolds of Florence gave a dinner last evening in honor of Miss Olinde of Cincinnati. The guests were Messrs. and Mrs. J. H. Gibson, (Omstead, Pastorfors, Miss Omstead, Miss Allison, Mr. V. D. Clarke and Mr. W. B. Tower.

The entertainment at the Park Avenue United Presbyterian church last Friday evening was a decided success. Miss Ada Meyer displayed great talent in the rendering of her selections, which were highly appreciated by the audience.

The charity ball, which is to be given at the Millard Thursday evening, April 22, for the benefit of the Visiting Nurse association will open with a musical drama by sixteen well known young society men and women in costume.

Mr. Austin M. Collett surprised. Mr. Austin M. Collett was most pleasantly surprised on Thursday evening at his home, 2024 Locust street, the occasion being in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of his service with the Union Pacific.

Among those present were: Messrs. Daily, Coons, McElrath, McCubbin, Rice, Sanden, Watt, Christian, Collins, Willetts, Dugdale, Neef, Edmondson, Cusack, Willetts, Leary, Brown, Curtis, Gibson, Perkins, O. Hansen, W. Hansen, Steiner, Leary, George, Elliott, Nelson, Shaffer, Sallander, Appleton, Higgin, Curry, Wallace, Louis, James, Caspary, Miller, White, Koetter, Paul, Jackson, J. L. Collins, McAuliff, Johnson, Schindler, Abiquist, Axford, Elmgreen, Swanby, Gray, Bonner, Granden, Doty, Moe, Tomsett, Ogburn, Fenney, Little, Powers, Cavanaugh, Kendrick, Fleming, Reed, Gretzinger, Angell, Lawless, Cleveland, Gordon, Vickery, Elliott, Messersmith, Adams, Crandall, Mathis, Lawrence, Oechelbin, Spellberg, Christie, Brown, Cover, Spare, Payne, Copley, Nelson and A. M. Collett, Jr.

A very enjoyable musical and benefit social was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. Garraway at their residence, 3719 Marcy street, March 24, for Rev. Flowers of South Omaha. The house was beautifully decorated with palms and cut flowers and tempting refreshments were served in the large dining room. There were about 150 persons present. Miss Martin, with her pupils, furnished an excellent musical program.

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Mrs. W. W. Connors entertains. Among the many enjoyable functions of the past week was a progressive high five party given by Mrs. W. W. Connors at her home, 810 South Twenty-second street, Wednesday afternoon to a few her friends. The invited guests arrived at an early hour and the games were attended with a marked degree of interest by those participating. The rooms were redolent with the sweet cut flowers and plants. Mrs. Chase rendered in a very pleasing manner several musical selections.

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DESPERATE COMBATS AT BLADENBURG

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Historic Associations. The town of Bladensburg was founded early in the last century and was named in honor of Governor Bladen of Maryland. The town was founded on the site of the famous fight, though one authority asserts there are two grounds and that some took place in one spot and some in another.

Randolph took place not very far from Bladensburg, though not in the immediate vicinity. The spot was on the shore of the Potomac, just above Little Falls bridge, on Saturday afternoon, April 8, 1826. Randolph was a fine shot, was adverse to fighting, and was taken prisoner.