

SOCIETY SETS A HOT PACE

Third Debutants of the Season Makes Her Appearance.

MISS MONA MARTIN IS BROUGHT OUT

Fourth Had to Make Her Debut During the Coming Week—All Things Point to an Era of Gaiety.

With the approach of the holidays, local society is more brisk than ever, steadily refusing to take any vacation in order to prepare Christmas gifts, or other old things.

During the week just closed there have been several events that have been marked with red crosses by the gay followers of society. The week has given to society its third debutante in the person of Miss Mona Martin, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Martin. The first masked dancing party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Porter Peck was an unmitigated success, and will probably form a precedent to be numerously followed during the winter. There have been fewer dinner parties and luncheons than usual, but the everlasting teas have gone on apace. Several additional functions in honor of a popular young bride have emphasized the fact that she had returned to Omaha. Another whilst club has been formed, and the number of card parties recorded in the annals of the week proves that there are others.

The coming week will bring forth the fourth debut of the season. Miss Mabel Barber will make her bow to local society at a tea to be given by her mother on Wednesday afternoon. It promises to be an auspicious event, as it should be to welcome such a fair young debutante to the realm of society. A musical at the Casino, which is to be tomorrow evening will be one of the swell events of the week, and there are enough smaller functions scheduled to fill in the spare moments very happily.

The cold weather has quite stopped the delightfully jaunts of the riding club and called a halt on golf. With these outdoor sports at an end, the young men and women of society are ready for another fall of snow in order that they may enjoy more sleighing, and possibly tobogganing, for Dame Society has about made up her mind that it will be all right for her daughters to enjoy the sports of the ice Carnival at the Exposition grounds, if they bundle up good and warm and take along their chaperones.

On Friday evening the senior class of the High school very pleasantly entertained its friends with a farce, followed by dancing. The acting was quite creditable, but there was one little side play that was equal to the whole show. It was expressed in a very few words at the close of the evening, and the audience was quickly apprised of the fact that the High school is necessary for explanation. About a year ago private theatricals came terribly near being altogether tabooed at the High school. This was all on account of a certain play that called for the actual smoking of a cigar and the kissing of a picture of the hero. The play given on Friday night related to a chaffing dish party, and it was quite necessary that a bottle of beer be included in the party, as all who are so familiar with the products of the chaffing dish are willing to accept a Welsh rabbit without beer in "flat, stale and unprofitable." In the play of Friday night no amusement was afforded the audience when one of the scholastic players took up a bottle bearing a familiar beer label, and asked the pretty girl, "do you have a glass of milk?" And putting the action to his words, then and there poured out a glass of milk. No diagram was necessary to explain the bit. The audience caught on in good style. If the High school players exhibit this much concern about their moral conduct throughout the season there is but little doubt that they will be allowed to give all the plays they desire.

Cultivation of the art of guessing seems to have made itself manifest in the various society functions about town during the last week. At one afternoon function time was passed very pleasantly by the attempt of the guests to name the titles of certain airs that were played on the piano. Although most of the airs played were identical with those one hears whistled by the boys on the streets every day, it is a singular fact that the majority of the women present could not name half of the pieces played. This suggests that they are inclined toward classical music only. Yet it is a fact that one picks up a popular air and whistles and hums it whenever opportunity affords, yet he or she cannot, if suddenly asked upon the spot, give the title of that same song. It is a noteworthy fact that those whose lives are devoted to music are the ones who can name the fewest of selections, both classical and popular, upon the spur of the moment. Another form of guessing contests that has recently been widely adopted by hostesses is that of presenting to an assembly the pictures of prominent men and women of the world—statesmen, financiers, authors, composers, journalists and other distinguished personages—with the object of learning how many of the guests can name the men and women whose "counterfeit presentations" are exhibited. In the case of this character at one of the fashionable homes of the city the greater number of guests present at a tea fell down completely, not even being able to recall the famous countesses of Daniel Webster, Robert E. Lee, John A. Logan, Prince Bismarck, George W. Childs and a number of other celebrities.

Afternoon Musicals.
In honor of a number of visiting friends of Mesdames Henry Hiller and Harry May an afternoon musical and an evening reception were given on Thursday in the handsome new home of Mr. Henry Hiller, 3521 Furman street. In the afternoon the hostesses were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Riegelman of Des Moines, Mrs. Sherman of Des Moines and Mrs. Lobman of this city. The parlors were prettily decorated, American Beauty roses prevailing in the floral decorations. About fifty guests were in attendance.

The principal amenity of the afternoon was in the guessing of the titles of popular airs that were played on the piano. The first prize was won by Mrs. C. E. Hiller, who guessed the correct titles of nineteen of the twenty selections played. Mrs. Moritz Meyer guessed seventeen of the titles and won the second prize. Mrs. B. J. Hiller was awarded the third prize. The first prize was a framed picture of eight of the leading composers; the second prize was a Dresden figure, and the third prize was a silver buttonhook. After additional music by Miss Jessie Lobman and Mrs. Riegelman an elaborate luncheon was served.

In the evening about a score of young folks assembled in the same parlors. There was music by Mr. and Mrs. Traynor of Council Bluffs and by Mrs. Riegelman and Miss Lobman. A similar contest to that of the afternoon was given.

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Debut of Miss Mona Martin.
The largest, and in many respects the most elaborate, reception of the present season was that given by Mrs. Euclid Martin to announce the debut into local society of her charming daughter, Miss Mona Martin, on Tuesday afternoon. The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, at 3508 Jackson street, was well richly transformed into a conservatory, so numerous were the floral offerings of the friends of the bud. Over 300 roses, nearly all of the stately American Beauty type, and a numerous display of carnations and chrysanthemums greeted the guests in the parlors.

Those who received with Mrs. Martin and Miss Mona were Miss Anna Shick and Mesdames Archibald Love, Carroll S. Montgomery, Ten Eyck, Peck and Alfred Rogers. Miss Martin was prettily gowned in white organdy over white satin, trimmed with white silk applique. Mrs. Martin wore a gown of broadened satin with point lace and diamonds. Miss Shick wore blue organdy trimmed with lace. Those who preceded over the coffee table were Mesdames Henry T. Clarke, George W. Holdrege, Charles T. Smith and Andrew J. Hunt and Miss Amy Barker. The tea table contained some rare specimens of old china and was presided over by Mesdames Frank P. Kirkendall and Frank P. Johnson. Miss Bartlett presided over the punch bowl. During the afternoon 300 guests paid their compliments to the hostess and her fair debutante.

Pleasures of the Week.
Miss Webster gave a tea for Mrs. Goulet on Thursday.

Miss Kountze entertained at luncheon for Mrs. Arthur P. Goulet on Tuesday.

Mrs. A. B. Carpenter entertained a number of friends on Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Mrs. C. Bevan Oldfield entertained at tea yesterday afternoon for a number of young society folk.

Miss Minnie Chapman, at 2422 Charles street, entertained a few friends at a card party on Friday evening.

Miss Tierney, at her home, 2124 Burdette street, entertained a few friends at cards yesterday evening. The evening refreshments were served.

The Misses Ruth and Alice Weller entertained at a charming chaffing dish supper on Friday evening in honor of Miss Alice Slaughter of Lincoln.

Mrs. A. T. Rector entertained a few friends pleasantly at whist on Friday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Bertha Tongue, daughter of Congressman Tongue of Portland, Ore.

On Monday evening, Miss Lillian Bushman entertained the S. B. D. club at her home, Twenty-seventh and Mason streets. Music, games and other amusements were succeeded by a supper.

Mr. John B. Miller was very pleasantly surprised by a number of his many friends at his home, 2623 Charles street, December 10th. Games were indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served.

Mrs. G. H. Kelly gave a very enjoyable Kensington at her home, 1917 Wirt street, last Wednesday afternoon. The first prize was won by Mrs. W. F. Scott of Chicago, and the second by Mrs. Robert McRachon.

Mrs. John Driscoll entertained the South Side Whist club on Tuesday afternoon in a charming manner. The first prize, a volume of "Modern Scientific Whist," was won by Mrs. Marty; the second, a handpainted china tray, by Mrs. Hall.

The house of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Kuehn at 308 South Twenty-third street was taken possession of, on the occasion of their twentieth wedding anniversary by a large circle of friends. The hours were spent pleasantly and the table was set with a bountiful repast.

The Forest Hill Whist club met Wednesday night at the residence of Mrs. George W. Linsinger. Prizes were won by Mesdames Conish, Daugherty and Barker. Mrs. Bruce, who entertains the club next week, has postponed the date from Wednesday to Thursday.

Miss Manchester gave a chrysanthemum luncheon on Thursday in honor of her cousin, Mrs. C. W. McConnell of Cranford, N. J. Covers were laid for six; Mesdames McConnell, Butler, Wulff and William F. Denny, Charles L. Gyger, Misses Thomas and Manchester.

Mrs. Benjamin Baker and Mrs. O. H. Wirth entertained the C. A. L. Card club at the residence of the former on Wednesday afternoon. The first prize, a handsome gold luncheon spoon, was won by Mrs. J. W. Shank and the second prize, cut glass salt and pepper, by Mrs. R. L. McCall.

"An Evening with Holmes" was given by the Newman Reading circle last Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mr. John Rush. Miss Rush read an original poem, and selections from the "Annoyance." Miss Annie Rush, a critique of his works. Several other selections closed an enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Blasser entertained the Gem Club at their home, 1515 First street, last Tuesday at their home. Mrs. G. B. Dake and Mr. Peter Blasser won the first prizes. The consolation prizes were awarded to Mr. Robert Rosenzweig and Mrs. John Baumer. Mr. and Mrs. John Baumer will entertain the club on Tuesday next.

Mrs. Marc Perkins entertained a number of friends on Thursday afternoon at her home on Lafayette avenue. A guessing contest, in which newspaper titles figured, afforded much amusement, and the successful contestant for the prize, Mrs. Kessler, was given a cut glass vase. Other prizes were won by Mrs. B. J. Hiller, who completely outshone all other entertainers of the evening.

Mr. Edward Anderson entertained about fifty of his friends, December 4, at his home, on North Twenty-fourth street, in honor of his 18th birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing, card playing and music. As Mr. Anderson is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association band, the rest of the band boys kindly supplied the music for dancing. A dainty supper was served later in the evening.

The Semper Paradies Card and Musical club was organized at 1916 Burdette street on Thursday evening last. The following officers were elected: Miss Cella N. Wolcott, president; C. E. Hiller, vice president; W. G. Gaidis, secretary; and M. E. Gray, treasurer. The club will meet at the home of Miss Margaret McCarragher, 403 North Nineteenth street, on Thursday evening next.

Miss May Bliss pleasantly entertained her friends and acquaintances at her home, 1008 Third street, on Thursday evening. The Ideal Mandolin quartet, composed of Messrs. C. C. Sundblad, J. Matters, W. C. Sundblad and W. Hughes, rendered several well pleasing selections. Their rendition of "Under the Double Eagle" march was particularly executed. Miss May Bliss rendered some entertaining music on the piano. Refreshments were served in the usual manner.

The Other Whist club was formed on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. V. O. Strickler and meetings will be held every two weeks. The following named gentlemen, with their wives, compose the membership: Messrs. Allen Rector, Julius Kessler, James H. Conrad, R. W. Bailey, W. S. Howell, Arthur Engh, C. E. Hiller, Mrs. Perkins and V. O. Strickler. The prizes will be handsome gold buttons to be awarded at each meeting to the woman and gentleman winning the most points.

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Movements of People.
Mr. W. A. Schier of Chicago is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. W. W. Slabaugh is visiting her old home at Hannibal, Mo.

Miss Annie Kallish left last week to spend the holidays in Chicago.

Miss Kellar of Fort Madison, N. D., is the guest of Miss Frances Gilbert.

Mr. Thomas M. Orr returned yesterday from a week's visit in New York City.

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Mr. Victor Rosewater leaves this afternoon for a three weeks' trip through the east.

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