

ANTICIPATING THE ASHES

Omaha Folks Make Merry Before the Days of Fast and Prayer.

SOCIETY WHIRLS IN ITS GAYEST MOOD

St. Valentine's Day Inaugurates a Round of Pleasures Fit to Close the Season During a Period of Festivities.

The pre-Lenten season of 1898 has had no grayer week in Omaha society than the one that has just been brought to a close. As the period approaches when the debilitated of this and previous seasons recover...

wondered what she would do. When she had finished she set the cup and saucer on the porch and arose to go. That was enough, and she went. The door opened and she was dragged in and given such a hug as she never had before. Now she may be as late as ever the pleasure and whenever she puts on her dress she is reminded of the day when she was saved for Miss H.'s tea.

Entertainments of the Week. Mrs. W. H. McCord entertained at a dinner on Friday evening.

Mrs. George A. Wilcox entertained at a banquet on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Lehmer entertained delightfully at a kennington on Friday afternoon.

Prof. Moran's Saturday night class gave a social party at the academy last night.

Mrs. and Mrs. George Squires entertained at a kennington on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Kathryn Gordon entertained a number of young folks last evening at dancing and games.

Mrs. Edward C. MeShane entertained at a kennington on Friday afternoon for Miss O'Brien previous to her departure for Burlington, Ia.

Mrs. Edward A. Cudahy gave a dainty luncheon Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Luscience of Massachusetts, who is the guest of Mrs. Shickel.

On Tuesday evening the K. T. G. club met at the home of Mrs. H. C. Ryan and spent the evening very pleasantly, after which light refreshments were served.

The kennington of Mrs. O'Brien, N. Powell on Thursday afternoon was a very pretty affair. Congratulations of red and pink formed the principal decorations. About thirty-five guests were present.

On Monday evening Mrs. Frank Gould entertained the Alamo club in a most delightful manner. It being Mrs. Gould's birthday the club took occasion to present her with a beautiful Dresden vase.

Mrs. Harry A. DeWitt entertained the Friday Card club at her home on Friday afternoon. At the next meeting of the club lunch will be served at noon, and the entire affair will be in honor of Miss Frances V. Gilbert of this city, who has been spending a fortnight with friends in Chicago, her aunt, Mrs. Frank Gilbert, gave a tea Saturday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Trichet entertained a large company of ladies at luncheon on Saturday evening Monday. The Valentine idea was carried out in a manner appropriate to the day and was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were fortunate enough to be present at the Dickens party given in Council Bluffs on Thursday evening, and they have returned with flattering notices of the program.

The dancing party of Miss Georgia Krug on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. C. Crichton hall on Wednesday evening received the most complimentary notices that have been mentioned since the party.

The premier event of the coming week will be the meeting of the Cotillon club on Tuesday evening. As it will be the last until after Easter, nothing will be left undone by the skilled entertainer who will hostess on this occasion to make the affair such a brilliant one as to attract to the cotillon all the young folks of the city.

It is apparent that a large number of Omaha young women think that in the Lenten season a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of charity. At least it is entirely possible that the receipt of so many boxes about town of clever invitations to contribute to this and that form of charity that they have recently received. Whether the real object is to learn the extent of the young men, or whether it is the hard coin that the young women are after for their different charities is hard to tell, but it is entirely possible that the receipt of so many boxes about town of clever invitations to contribute to this and that form of charity that they have recently received.

There is a club of young women in a city not far from Omaha which has as a feature of each meeting a cup of tea and a macaroni. The meetings are quite informal and the work of the club is over there is a half hour of gossip and tea drinking. One member is invariably late. It grew to be a joke in the club that Miss H. only cared for the refreshments and did not desire to cultivate the line of gossip pursued by the club. One day after the program was finished and the girls were sitting about with their tea Miss H. was seen coming up the walk. Suddenly one of the girls grabbed a cup, put in a sugar and tea, and pacing two macaroni on the saucer, went to the door and just as Miss H. was about to ring the door was opened and the cup of tea was handed out to her. Not a word was spoken by either and the girl inside gaily closed the door and left Miss H. standing on the porch. Miss H. did not look long before moving to the steps, she sat down and complacently drank the tea and nibbled the macaroni until there was not a crumb or drop left. The girls inside watched her curiously and

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Mr. and Mrs. F. Gordon, who left Canon City, Colo., last May, to make their home in this city, left Omaha last Monday, Mr. Gordon having accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Fremont County bank, Canon City, Colo.

Pleasures in Prospect. Mrs. Harry Nott will entertain at cards on Tuesday afternoon.

On Monday evening the Royal Arconium will give a party at Metropolitan hall.

Mrs. J. D. Birmingham will entertain the C. A. L. Kennington club on Tuesday.

The next party of the Jolly Eight Dancing club will be given at Patterson hall on Saturday night.

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WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 19.—Instead of closing the commonwealth side of the Lattimer case, as had been expected, District Attorney Martin was obliged to ask for a continuance until Monday. He said that attachments had been issued for two important witnesses, and that they could not be found, and probably would

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