

GAVEST WEEK OF THE YEAR

Society Reluctantly Yields to the Solemn Season of Lent.

LAST SIX DAYS ARE ROUND OF PLEASURE

Receptions, Balls and Countless Minor Functions Make the Period One that Will Be Long Remembered.

The last week of the winter season of society has arrived, all too soon for the members of the gay world, who are unanimous in their praise of the countless good things which have fallen to their lot since the first brilliant week ushered in the present season, which before the record of the next six days is complete will be a thing of the past.

That "coming events cast their shadows before" can hardly be said to be true of the welcome advent has been heralded by the passing together of exceptionally gay events. But now the merry reign must end, but fortunately it will be of short duration.

Omaha society folks may well look back with pride upon the long list of fashionable tea, receptions, card parties, chatting and suppers and other events of that nature and the elaborate banquets in the form of either buffet breakfasts, luncheons or dinners which have been given during the winter months. Well may they be proud of the many elegant weddings and brilliant pre and post-nuptial receptions incidental thereto, which have caused such tremendous sensations amongst the younger members of the social circle.

Last but not least important, especially in the eyes of the reigning belles and their attendant beaux, have been the many delightful dances which have been given in their honor or to swell their numbers by ushering some fair youth into their gay world.

Certainly every member of the smart set will enter devoutly upon the season of rest, knowing that they have done their full share toward brightening the days of the long winter season.

After all the dark cloud will have its silver lining, and the appalling weight of the snow and ice will be lifted.

The approach of the feast of that most romantic and interesting of saints, Valentine, has as usual been the signal for much whispering of precious names and for the holding of many secret confabulations in the privacy of the dear girls' boudoirs and the men's dens.

The most notable events of the week were the receptions given by Mesdames Alvin Saunders and Russell Harrison and that given by Mr. and Mrs. Ames Field.

The social calendar for the forthcoming week is necessarily a somewhat abbreviated one, but at any rate as many events as possible have been crowded into the few days which remain to the devotees of society before the gay world will be submerged in the gloom of Lent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames Field held a large reception at their residence on Thirty-first avenue on Friday evening between the hours of 8 and 11 in honor of the homecoming of their son, Frank Decker Field, with his bride from St. Louis.

Miss Florence Kilpatrick entertained at a delightful luncheon on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. H. Wigman, 1516 Dodge street, on Thursday afternoon. The time was spent in doing different kinds of fancy work. Refreshments were served at small tables and a high class and elegant menu was served.

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was wreathed with asparagus ferns. The table was especially worthy of notice with its handsome Battenberg centerpiece and doilies and its silver and cut glass. Two large bouquets of long stemmed roses stood in the center. A becoming light was shed throughout the room by the many red candles placed on the table and sideboard and the red shades of the chandelier. The sideboard was profusely decorated with American Beauty roses and long sprays of asparagus fern, while the china closet was prettily festooned with smilax. The host and hostess were assisted in receiving their guests by Mrs. George K. Smith of St. Louis, their niece, who is well known in Omaha.

Mrs. Alvin Saunders and Mrs. Russell Harrison were the hostesses at a brilliant reception held at the residence of the former, 2008 Sherman avenue, on Wednesday. The hostesses were assisted in receiving their guests by Mesdames Doane, Keller, J. J. Brown, Henry Wyman, Burns and Miss Alice Decker.

Entertainments of the Week. Mrs. F. R. Payne of Carthage, Mo., and Mr. Alfred Bennett of St. Louis, while the following women assisted through the rooms: Mesdames G. W. Hoobler, V. O. Strickler, J. McMullen, Robert Hughes and Wateza J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burns entertained at dinner on Tuesday evening. The decorations were very beautiful, consisted of pink roses and carnations.

Mrs. Joseph Barker entertained charmingly at dinner on Thursday. The centerpiece, which consisted of bridesmaid roses, was extremely beautiful.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grebo was the scene of a happy gathering of little folks last Saturday afternoon, February 4. The party was given in honor of the birthday of the young couple.

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A meeting of the Century Club was held on Wednesday afternoon, on which occasion the hostesses were Mrs. Guild and Miss Hake. The affair was one of the most enjoyable of the season.

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Mrs. Henry W. Yates entertained sixty or more guests at a six-handed euchre on Tuesday afternoon. The first prize, a cut glass and silver cologne bottle, was won by Mrs. E. C. Knapp.

A most charming informal musical was given by Mr. and Mrs. P. Best at their home on Thursday evening to a large number of their friends.

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ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL WORK. Summary of Report Covering the Operations of This Charitable Institution for the Year 1898.

The nineteenth annual report of the Creighton Memorial St. Joseph's hospital is a handsomely illustrated pamphlet giving statistical and descriptive information of the work of one of Omaha's foremost charitable institutions.

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