

SOCIETY UNDER THE SHADOW

Death of the President Dampens the Social Ambition. MANY CARDS WITHHELD FOR THE NONCE. Few Things Done Are Informal, but Much Awaits the Revival of the National Spirit of Enjoyment.

Anxiety for the president has had its effect upon society too. Last cards that had been planned for last week and their issue indefinitely postponed. There have been a few small affairs, and some of them have been quite elaborate, but whenever the fashions have gathered in any numbers, at the carnival, at the club or the Athletic club, the meriment has only been half-hearted and it has seemed impossible to excite any real enthusiasm.

The women's game at the Country club on Wednesday afternoon was fairly well attended, but Saturday's game failed to attract the attendance that had been anticipated and things out Benson way were comparatively quiet. At the Athletic club there have been games, when the weather would permit, and on Wednesday evening there was the usual hop, but on Saturday all was quiet, there and the usual week's end gaiety entirely suspended.

There has been no end of speculation regarding the identity of the queen and special maids of honor for the Ak-Sar-Ben ball, but those who know say that the court this year is to be composed of the very brightest of all Omaha's young women. Of course, the question of gown is monopolizing no small share of attention just at present, for there are other things to be considered besides the ball, so rumor says.

Pleasures Past. Miss Lulu Boyd entertained in honor of Miss Gertrude Caswell of Chicago Friday evening. Mrs. T. C. Rich celebrated her birthday on last Saturday afternoon by entertaining a number of friends at cards.

Dr. Frederick Rustin and Mr. Luther Kountze gave a stag dinner last evening in honor of Mr. Henry T. Clarke, Jr. Mrs. Edward Marnell was hostess at a card party on Thursday evening and after several games of four-five a luncheon was served. Miss Florence Jordan entertained a few friends at cards on Wednesday evening, prizes being won by Misses Snell and Dumont. Following the game refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cummings gave a dinner at the Country club last evening for Miss Bessie Brady. The other guests were: Misses Lucy Gore, Marguerite Pritchett, Janet Rogers, Messrs. Fred Hamilton, Tom Davis, Gerald Wharton and Glenn Wharton. Miss Mabel Welch entertained at luncheon on Saturday for her friends who were to leave for college. It was a pretty affair, the decorations and name cards all being in red and white. Covers were laid for Misses Evans, Harris, Bell, Comstock, Carey, Jordan, Cooper, Allison, Baldwin, Delbeck, Tovey and Welsh.

Mr. Streeter and Mr. Wardwell were the guests of honor on Monday evening at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kountze. The centerpiece was composed of pink asters and the candelabra shined in the same color. The place cards were marked with the Yale flag, in blue. Mr. and Mrs. Kountze's guests were: Misses Margaret Pritchett, Janet Rogers, Lucy Gore, Bessie Brady, Ella Cotton, Messrs. Streeter, Wardwell, Davis, Pritchett and Ben Cotton.

In honor of Miss Grace Allen, whose marriage to Mr. Henry T. Clarke, Jr., is to occur on September 25, Miss Helen Peck entertained a party of young women at a very elaborate luncheon at the Omaha club on Wednesday. The table was handsomely dressed, the centerpiece being a low mound of brides' roses with sprays of green scattering over the cloth. At each of the ten places was a small spray of the green tied with white satin ribbon and a heart-shaped box of bonbons. Miss Peck's guests were: Misses Allen, Swensburg, Taylor, Hoagland, Cotton, Morse, Elizabeth Allen, Mae Hamilton and Mrs. Joseph Barker, Jr.

attend the marriage of her son and Miss Kimball. Mrs. A. Darlow and family have returned from their summer vacation in Colorado. Mrs. C. E. Ady and children are home from an eastern trip of several weeks' duration. Miss Mary Mercer will leave tomorrow for Knoxville, Ill., to attend St. Mary's school there.

Mrs. Stimmel, 1721 Dodge street, left for Chicago yesterday for an extended visit with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Peck went east on Thursday to visit the exposition and other places of interest. Miss Bertha Swensburg expects to go to Chicago about September 23 to attend the wedding of a friend.

Mrs. Hillis and Miss Hillis have returned from Kookuk, Ia., where they have been visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McIntosh arrived in Omaha Wednesday, having been abroad for the last two months. Miss Kathryn Bartholomew has returned from a lengthy vacation spent in the east and around the lakes.

Miss Lela De Wolfe left on Tuesday for an extended visit with friends at her former home in Connecticut. Miss Maude Cousman returned from the east on Wednesday, having spent the summer there visiting relatives. Mrs. Weston, accompanied by her daughter, left on Friday for Washington to make their home there in the future.

After spending a month visiting relatives in Chicago, Miss Minnie Lovi returned to her home in this city last week. Mrs. Arthur Pinto came home on Monday from northern Wisconsin, where she has been spending the summer. Mrs. Ada A. Camden, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Anita Camden, has returned to her former home in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. J. E. Heelan of Lincoln is visiting at the residence of her brother-in-law, Sheriff Power, 1913 South Tenth street. After spending two months in travel through the south and east Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Strickler returned home last week. Mrs. Warren Rogers and Miss Mildred are expected home today from Portland, Me., where they have spent the summer.

Misses Jessie Cosh and Antoinette Spethmann of Grand Island are in the city, the guests of Miss Cora Sayre on West Davenport street. Mrs. A. C. Farrell and daughter returned Saturday from their eastern trip. Mrs. Farrell left her two sons, Ray and Howard, at Notre Dame university.

After a year's trip abroad Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander and daughters returned home last week and are occupying their home on Thirty-first street. After spending a year in travel through Europe Miss Katherine Cortelyou sailed from Havre on last Saturday and is expected in Omaha about September 15.

The Misses Alice and Isabelle French and Master Herbert French, arrived last Sunday from New York and New England, where they have spent the summer with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hoagland and Miss Helen Hoagland left last evening for Wyoming, where the latter and her son, Will Hoagland, on his ranch. They expect to return about September 23.

Mr. Louis Nash, accompanied by his sisters, Misses Esther and Frances, went to New York on Tuesday, the young women to enter school at Manhattanville and he to remain in New York until the first of the year. Mrs. J. Stewart White and daughter have returned from Little Deer Isle, Me., having spent the summer there. Mr. White will leave today for New York to witness the yacht races and later to visit his parents in the northern part of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Sweet and children returned home Thursday from an extended eastern tour. After making the lake trip and the trip up the St. Lawrence they visited in New England, returning via the Hudson, New York and Philadelphia. Out-of-Town Guests. Mrs. Arthur M. Cowie of Fairbury, Neb., is visiting Mrs. F. E. Pearce.

Miss Libbie Libering of Jacksonville, Fla., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Risley. Miss Hannah Wells of Denver is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Oliver, on North Twenty-seventh street. Miss Mary Bennett of Rockford, Ill., will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ford during the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities.

Mrs. Helen Knotts of Cedar Rapids, Ia., arrived on Tuesday to be the guest of Mrs. V. O. Strickler for a time. Mr. Phillip of Colorado Springs was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Field for several days last week. Lieutenant Day of Fort Leavenworth was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Smith last Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Wardwell and Mr. Streeter, who have been the guests of Mr. Tom Davis for the last ten days, returned to their homes on Tuesday.

accompanied by Miss Julia Anderson of Taylorville, Ill., who will be her guest for a time. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGinn expect to be in their new home about the first of the month. Mr. and Mrs. George Marple, who have been abroad all summer, are expected home all day.

Miss Pauline Adair will leave this week for Lincoln to enter the Wesleyan university there. Miss Bessie Field will leave in a few days to attend the National Park seminary at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Ernest Jacobs of Shreveport, La., will arrive tomorrow, to be the guest of Miss Carita Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berg of 2303 Cass street will be at home from 8 to 11 o'clock on Wednesday evening. Miss Lydia Moore is expecting Miss Frederica Wessels of Hannibal, Mo., to be her guest for the Ak-Sar-Ben ball.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Redick arrived home on Friday, called by the death of Mrs. Redick's brother, Mr. W. B. Wood. Mr. John Westberg went to Salt Lake City on Friday to meet Mrs. Westberg, who has been ill, and accompany her home. Mrs. Dewey and Miss Dewey are at the Madison for the winter, having given up the house that they occupied during the summer.

Miss Agnes Holland, who has been spending the summer at Chesapeake Beach, Atlantic City and New York City, will return Tuesday morning. Mrs. Belle Clark of 2510 North Twenty-ninth street left last week for a month's visit with friends in Rochester, N. Y., and at the Pan-American exposition.

Messrs. Gerald and Glenn Wharton will return this week to Princeton, Mr. Tom Davis to Yale and Messrs. George Pritchett and Horace Spurgin to Harvard. Mr. W. E. Riddell has returned from a vacation in the east. Among other points he visited the Pan-American exposition, New York City and took a trip on the St. Lawrence.

Miss Hester Taylor has gone to Salt Lake City to attend the marriage of her brother, Mr. B. B. Taylor, and Miss Reta Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lyons of that place. The Misses Helen and Florence Cleveland of Denver are expected on Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Bates of Denver on Thursday, to be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allen.

Mrs. Wayne Thomas and Miss Thomas, who have been spending the summer abroad, will sail for home from Boulogne on September 20. Mr. Thomas will meet them in New York and together they will visit the exposition before returning to Omaha. Weddings and Engagements. The marriage of Miss Susie Hanson and Thomas Gaffey of Davenport, Ia., will occur Wednesday morning at 9:30 a. m., at St. John's Catholic church.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. Charles B. Helmer and Miss Edna Martin, which is to occur at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening, October 2, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, 2215 West street. Cards have been issued this week for the marriage of Mr. Henry T. Clarke, Jr., and Miss Grace Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allen, which is to occur at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening, September 25, at the First Congregational church. Miss Elizabeth Allen, sister of the bride, will be maid of honor and Mrs. Benjamin F. Bates of Denver will be the matron of honor. Miss Mable Taylor, Miss Helen Cleveland of Denver, Miss Helen Peck and Miss Helen Hoagland will be the bridesmaids. Gordon Clark of Chicago, brother of the groom, will be the best man, and Messrs. Scott Brown of Chicago, Herbert Gannett, Lynn Sherwood, Frank Crawford and Wing Allen will act as ushers.

The wedding will be followed by a large reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen at 2109 Chicago street. High School Notes. The Alice Cary society also expects to reorganize in the near future. All pupils who wish are permitted to take drawing in place of study period. Drawing will count for one point a year. The members of the Athletic association are making plans for its reorganization. Mr. Arnold, the president, will call a meeting the last of the week.

Mr. Benedict's biology classes took their first excursion of the year to the woods near Sherman avenue and Locust street on Saturday. The classes started at 9:30 and had a most enjoyable time till 12 o'clock, when they returned home with 2,000 grasshoppers. The Demosthenian Debating society held a meeting Tuesday afternoon to elect officers. Mr. Kelley was elected president on the ninth ballot; Mr. Warhan, vice president; C. Moore, secretary; Mr. Standeven, treasurer; W. Corryell, sergeant-at-arms. The members were very enthusiastic at this meeting and expect to elect officers at their next meeting. The members of the championship of Nebraska. Two new members were admitted into the society.

The High School Register, which has formerly belonged to individuals, will be bought by the High school this week. The pupils of the school have been asked to buy small shares of stock. It is thought that if the paper belongs to the school more interest will be taken in it. Mr. Waterhouse proposes that a printing shop be established in the school for the purpose of printing the paper. The members of the staff are: Editor-in-chief, Arthur Kelkenney; business manager, Alfred Gordon. Associate editors: Exchange, Laura Congdon; society, Marion Connel; literary, Clyde Moore; athletic, William Wren, Clyde editors: '02, Marion Dallas, Harry Kelly; '03, Olive Carpenter, Ernest Kelly; '04, Nattie Merriam, Arthur Remington. The editors for the class of 1905 will be announced as soon as the work of this class shows whom to select.

Miss Julia Olfner has reopened her piano studio, 512 Karbach block. The September meeting of the Women's Christian association board will be held Tuesday, September 17, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the Young Men's Christian association parlors. OMAHA SUBURBS. Florence. Miss Alice Price of Lincoln visited friends here two days this week. Mrs. William Fielding and son Harold were visitors in Omaha Friday. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kierle visited friends at Tekamah Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Kimball of Omaha visited her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Paul, Friday and Saturday. Mrs. G. R. Whitney of Lincoln spent the last week here as the guest of Mrs. W. R. Wall. Miss Matta Peterson of Omaha spent two days of this week visiting her parents in Florence. Mrs. Jane Thomas has commenced to erect a house on her property on Fourth street and will reside there when finished. Mrs. Charles Brown, who has been visiting her parents here for the last two weeks, returned to her home at Decatur, Neb., Thursday. The ferry across the river north of the pumping station will soon be ready for operation. Arrangements having nearly been completed for it. The infant child of J. H. Robb, whose wife died a few weeks ago, is not expected to live. Mrs. Burton, a sister of Mrs. Robb, is taking care of the child. Mrs. Emil Weber of Wayne is visiting

relatives here for a few days. She accompanied her daughter Hattie to Council Bluffs, where she will attend school at St. Francis' academy. Benson. The republican primary meeting was held at McCoy's drug store Monday night. James Dillon and Miss Mary Fedde, both of Irvington precinct, were married last week. The new engine house is nearly completed and will be ready for the engine in a week. James A. Howard has returned home from his trip to Louisville, Ky., and other southern cities. George Ham of Omaha and Miss Nellie Dillon, who lives west of Benson, were married Wednesday.

The new addition on the north of the residence of James Walsh is completed and is being painted. Mr. and Mrs. William Tindell and family are away on a two weeks' trip to Denver and other western points. Mr. Patterson of Millard, Neb., acted as substitute in the absence of Prof. Speedy a few days last week. Prof. Speedy was called to the bedside of his brother. Services will be held today at the Methodist Episcopal church at the usual morning hour by the pastor, Rev. Markley. This will be the last service before conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grove returned from Huron, Neb., Tuesday, where they spent a few days at the home of Mr. Grove's sister, Miss June, who had been there some time, accompanied them home. Came Near Being a Cripple. Josh Westhafer of Logogotee, Ind., is a poor man, but he says he would not be without Chamberlain's Pain Balm if it cost five dollars a bottle, for it saved him from being a cripple. No external application is equal to this liniment for stiff and swollen joints, contracted muscles, stiff neck, sprains and rheumatic and muscular pains. It has also cured numerous cases of partial paralysis. It is for sale by all druggists.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS Superintendent Pearce Explains the Situation as He Has It at Present. OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: Two or three of your editorial utterances recently have placed the Board of Education in a false light before your readers. These editorials were based upon errors in matters of fact, and, knowing the deep interest you have always manifested in the schools, and the cordial support your paper has always given those charged with the management of this important public interest, I am sure you would wish to have corrected the wrong impressions, which the editorials referred to may have created in the minds of some persons not well informed about the schools. In The Bee for September 4 the following appeared in the editorial column: Omaha has sixteen more teachers on the staff of the public schools this year than last year, but not a single additional school room. Where have the new teachers been placed? The facts are that in the Omaha public schools, three more school rooms are in use than were in use one year ago. The figures are: School rooms in use one year ago.....359 School rooms in use at the present time 362 The facts are, further, that the public schools have upon the staff at this time just one-half of one teacher more than the number upon the staff one year ago. The figures are: Teachers employed one year ago.....416 Teachers employed at present time.....416 The difference between the number of school rooms and the total number of teachers represents the number of supervisors, supervising principals, High school teachers in excess of the number of High school recitation rooms and kindergarten assistants.

In The Bee of September 5, the following appeared in the editorial column: Only one of the five High school teachers dropped on the scheme of economy adopted last spring has thus far been replaced. But it is early in the school year yet. The facts are that, at the time High school teachers were to be elected the Board of Education knew, and publicly stated, so that any one who cared to know might know, that owing to largely increased attendance at the schools, another teacher in the commercial department of the High school would be necessary, no matter what policies of retrenchment otherwise might be adopted. This teacher was duly elected. Shortly before the schools opened she resigned. Another teacher was then elected to fill the vacancy. At the time of the election of teachers, the board decided to reduce by five and one-half the number of teachers employed in the High school, and to adopt a plan which would enable the school to be run with six teachers less for the year of 1901-1902, than would be necessary if the regular 1900-1901 were continued. The plan was put into effect, the number of High school teachers for the school year 1901-1902, was made six less than would have been required under the plans in use last year, and the school matters of the year, that basis, since school began one of the regular teachers has resigned, and another has been elected to fill the vacancy. None of the teachers whose services were dispensed with has been reinstated or replaced. The board has carried out exactly the plans adopted last June.

It may interest you to know that, notwithstanding the decreased teaching force the High school has now a membership of 1,410, an increase to date, of 107 over the average daily membership of last year, the figures being: Average daily membership 1900-1901.....1,303 Membership at present time.....1,410 Very Respectfully, CARROLL G. PEARSE, Superintendent of Instruction.

Burn Palace oil. FATAL SPRINT FOR CAR M. D. Hebbard Dies While Trying to Get Aboard—Overtaxes Weak Heart. OMAHA SUBURBS. Florence. Miss Alice Price of Lincoln visited friends here two days this week. Mrs. William Fielding and son Harold were visitors in Omaha Friday. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kierle visited friends at Tekamah Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Kimball of Omaha visited her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Paul, Friday and Saturday. Mrs. G. R. Whitney of Lincoln spent the last week here as the guest of Mrs. W. R. Wall. Miss Matta Peterson of Omaha spent two days of this week visiting her parents in Florence. Mrs. Jane Thomas has commenced to erect a house on her property on Fourth street and will reside there when finished. Mrs. Charles Brown, who has been visiting her parents here for the last two weeks, returned to her home at Decatur, Neb., Thursday. The ferry across the river north of the pumping station will soon be ready for operation. Arrangements having nearly been completed for it. The infant child of J. H. Robb, whose wife died a few weeks ago, is not expected to live. Mrs. Burton, a sister of Mrs. Robb, is taking care of the child. Mrs. Emil Weber of Wayne is visiting

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