

SOCIETY SOBERS SLIGHTLY

First Week in Lent Fades Gaily Only Trifles Subdued.

SMART AFFAIRS OFF FOR A SEASON

Battle Things that Must Be Had Are Still Numerous Enough to Give Everyone a Chance to Get Out Some.

Scarcely consistent with the general quiet that usually marks the opening week of Lent, the last seven days have been busy ones indeed in society, but the succession of the larger and more general affairs have been in marked contrast to those of previous weeks and the fashionable were compelled to limit themselves to brief meetings and to Monday and Tuesday instead of the closing days, as has been their wont in the past.

And then there is another class that not even this season can affect, the whist players. In fact, the game seems almost to have become a habit with them and they hold their morning, afternoon and evening meetings regardless. It is not the bridge variety of which one hears so much that has so completely enlivened them, but just the old-fashioned scientific game.

For these pling-pongs has no attraction, which is rather discouraging to those more progressive if less scientific friends, who are trying so hard and so unsuccessfully of late to create some enthusiasm regarding this game that has taken other places by storm. A very popular hostess made a resolve last week which she promises to keep that not a single game of whist shall be played in her house during Lent.

As though bent upon making the most of its last opportunity society enjoyed to the utmost the cotillion given on Monday evening at Chambers' hall. Preparation had been made for forty-five couples, but which failed to attend. It was a flower garden, and as the couples came on the floor the men were given bunches of roses and the women bunches which served as favors.

Judge and Mrs. Benjamin S. Baker opened their home at 1106 South Thirty-second street on Tuesday evening for a farewell reception to their Omaha friends, about 250 of whom were present. Assisting them in receiving were Mrs. Will Harrison of Webster City, Ia., Mrs. Charles Llewellyn, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nevill, Miss Ellen Reynolds and Mr. W. O. Gilbert, the party being etailed in the parlor, surrounded by a profusion of pink roses.

Miss Elizabeth Allen was hostess of a most enjoyable house party last week for which a round of complimentary affairs, informal and otherwise, were given. Accompanied by Miss Evelyn Ebert, Mr. Henry Allen, Mr. George Aylesworth and Mrs. Edgar W. Bishop, Miss Allen returned from Kansas City on Monday evening, the party arriving at 6 o'clock and attending the cotillion in the evening.

On Tuesday Miss Cotton entertained at luncheon for Miss Allen and Miss Ebert, the other guests being LaSalle college girls residing in Omaha. Another guest of the

occasion was Miss Edith Allen of Worcester, Mass., who spent the day in the city while enroute to the coast.

On Tuesday evening the party attended the Orpheum. On Wednesday Mrs. Henry T. Clarke, Jr., gave a luncheon in their honor at which Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gannett and Mrs. Allen were the other guests. It was an especially pretty affair, the decorations being carried out in violet.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Clarke gave an informal chafin dish affair for the party, which afforded occasion for other friends to meet Miss Allen's guests. The opportunity was generally accepted, friends coming and going during the evening.

Miss Carita Curtis entertained at luncheon on Thursday for Miss Allen and her friends, the other guests being Miss Cotton, Miss Richardson and Mrs. Jacobson.

The country club was the scene of a jolly occasion on Thursday afternoon when about 5 o'clock a driving party composed of Miss Allen's guests and a number of others, alighted there and enjoyed what, for want of a better name, they were pleased to style 5 o'clock tea. The stop was brief, but most enjoyable.

Mr. Paxton, Mr. Benn and Mr. Heth entertained Miss Allen and her guests at a theater party at Boyd's on Thursday evening. Miss Towle was also a member of the party.

The reception given by Mrs. Daniel Baum on Tuesday afternoon was among the largest affairs of the week the hostess embracing an opportunity as well as introducing her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Baum, Jr., to Omaha society, which welcomed her as a charming addition to their number.

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For her guest, Miss Howlett of Kansas City, Miss Brunner entertained in a most delightful manner Thursday evening. High five and games appropriate to St. Valentine's were indulged in till a late hour, when a most delicious lunch was served.

Metropolitan club gave another of its very enjoyable informal evenings on Wednesday. The early part of the evening was devoted to bowling, Miss Dreyfus and Mr. Day being the high scorers.

Mrs. Wellington Smith Gibbs and Mrs. D. H. Leaderich gave two large and very delightful affairs on Tuesday at the home of the former. In the afternoon they entertained a party of friends at a theater party at Boyd's on Thursday evening.

For Mrs. Stode of St. Louis, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Brevoort of Detroit and Mrs. Field of Fayetteville, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Hochstetter entertained a party of friends at a Valentine's whist on Tuesday evening. The table was lighted with four tall velvet candles.

For Mrs. S. R. Crickmore was hostess at Wednesday's meeting of the South Side Whist club, entertaining the women in her apartments at the Georgia. In addition to the regular members there were present two tables of guests.

Mrs. Charles T. Kounize was hostess at Wednesday's meeting of the Cooking club. The Southwest Dancing club gave its fortnightly hop at Chambers' hall on Friday evening.

Max and Louise Llewellyn gave a Valentine party to a number of their little friends yesterday.

Master Fred Meyer entertained about fifty of his friends on Wednesday last, his twelfth birthday, at his home on Corby street.

Mrs. Harry Frisbie gave a 1 o'clock luncheon Thursday for Miss Joe Adams of Chicago, Mrs. H. Root's sister, who is visiting here.

The Omaha Guards gave a smoker at their army on Monday evening for the members of the Galling section who were in the city during the week.

Among the pleasant events of the week was the initial party and dance given by the members of the Crescent club on the evening of February 11, at Thurston Rifles' club rooms.

Mrs. Joseph Barker, Jr., entertained a neighborhood club on Thursday afternoon, the women being treated to a new game, nella-grande, for which several prizes were awarded.

Miss Dreyfus and Miss Lena Rehfeld were the successful contestants at Monday's meeting of the A. O. T. Bowling club, which was entertained at Metropolitan club by Miss Elma Rothchild.

The Au Revolv Kensington club was pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Frank S. De Vor, 1719 Park avenue, Friday afternoon. Artistic decorations of carnations and ferns and a dainty lunch added to the afternoon's pleasure.

Miss Edith A. Shields gave a delightful chafin dish party at her home in Kountze Place Tuesday evening. Those participating were: The Misses Kate Swartzlander, Edith Ward, Ida M. Morse, Messrs. H. B. Mc-

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The affair was most elaborate in every detail, the guests being seated at small tables each seating four, their only decoration being a tall vase of red carnations, the places being marked with miniature staves, which served the double purpose of name and score cards. The pillars of the hall were wound with greens and broad red satin ribbons and the bay window filled with potted flowering plants.

A son was born on Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred White.

Mrs. Luther Kountze will entertain the cotillion club at its meeting on Wednesday. Mr. W. R. Robinson is seriously ill of pneumonia at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ringwalt.

Mrs. George Kelley has issued invitations for a card party to be given on Tuesday evening at her home on Wirt street.

Miss Weller and Mrs. Ralph Crandall will entertain a card party on Saturday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weller.

The members of the A. O. T. Bowling club will be entertained on their next regular meeting day by Miss Ella Rosenfelt at her home in Council Bluffs.

Mrs. C. Rosewater and her mother, Mrs. Schlesinger, have invitations out for a luncheon and card party to be given at Metropolitan club on Wednesday, February 19.

Mrs. Victor B. Caldwell, who has spent the winter in New York, is now visiting Mr. Caldwell's mother in Tioga, Pa., and expects to return to Omaha next month, greatly improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kelley have invitations out for two large evening card parties this week to be given on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Kelley will entertain a party of women at cards.

Among the large affairs planned for the week is the Visiting Nurses' association birthday party, to be held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Baum from 2 until 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. A special musical program has been provided and refreshments will be served during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kountze have gone to Texas, to be absent for an indefinite time.

Miss Anna Hiller left on Tuesday for an extended tour of the east, which will include the larger cities.

Mrs. William Hill Clarke returned last week from a six weeks' visit in Indianapolis, Chicago and St. Paul.

Mr. Edward Dickinson was called to Ohio on Monday by the death of a brother.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Nash will leave for New York the early part of the week.

Miss Anna Rose has returned home after six months' visit in Philadelphia, Washington and other eastern cities.

Miss Allen returned to Kansas City on Friday morning, accompanying the party who were her guests last week.

Mrs. York S. Bryant, one of the prominent business men of St. Paul, Minn., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nott last week.

Mrs. Annie McIver Brislin, well known in Omaha in connection with the music department of the Transmississippi exposition, has been in the city for a time.

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WOMAN'S WORK IN CLUB AND CHARITY. The unsuccessful attempt to bring about a discussion of the color question at the last open meeting of the Woman's club has occasioned no little comment among club women during the last two weeks, and incidentally the awakening of many of them to the fact that the color question in its relation to the individual clubs of the state means something more than the right or wrong of admitting clubs of colored women to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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