

SOCIETY SOFTLY SLUMBERS

Summer Days and Nights Undisturbed by Organized Merriment.

EVERYBODY WILLING TO TAKE A REST

More Show Announcement Starts a Bit of Interest, but that is All Far Ahead of the Present Dullness.

A Romance of Today.

He met her where the people came and went in busy troops. Where the never weary newsways filled the air with maddening whoops...

The Social Calendar.

MONDAY—Mrs. Thomas Rogers dances for Miss Rogers at the Country Club. LADIES' DAY at the ball game.

WEDNESDAY—Ladies' day at the Country club, mid-week hop at the Field club.

THURSDAY—Mrs. E. H. Sprague's card party for Miss Ritchie; A. O. T. Bowling club picnic.

FRIDAY—Week's end dinner and hop at Field and Country clubs.

At a porch party given out Benson way one evening last week, a society bachelor won a box of cigars for propounding the best conundrum.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Peck have gone to Elburn, N. Y., where they will spend the month, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Eastbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Strauss have returned home from a delightful visit in Nebraska City, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Levy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin and Miss Blanche Grete have returned from a three weeks' visit to the World's fair, Chicago and Milwaukee.

Misses Fay and Hazel Hitchcock have returned from the east where they have been attending school and will spend the summer with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hitchcock.

Mrs. A. L. Howard and mother, Mrs. Carter, will leave Monday for an extended trip through the states of Washington and California, visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. Bridges and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Westbrook left yesterday for the east. They will make the St. Lawrence trip and visit Canada, after which Dr. Bridges will visit his former home at Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Misses Susie and Helen Pratt of Old Top, Mo., are guests of the week at Mrs. W. S. Gibbs of 215 Sherman avenue, and of their cousin, Mrs. V. H. Ledwich, of 145 Sherwood avenue. They will remain until September.

Mrs. C. S. Cullingham returned to Omaha last week after a year's absence spent in Germany. Mrs. Cullingham was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Miriam Ford of New York, who is also here the guest of her mother, Mrs. Warren Chase.

Mrs. J. E. Baum, accompanied by her sons, Richard and Jack, and her daughters, Jeanne, Bess and Katherine, returned Friday from an extended eastern trip. Miss Jean Cudahy, who accompanied them, stopped at Mucknac, where the Cudahys have their summer place.

Pleasures Past.

In honor of Mrs. Brinker Mrs. S. B. Sargent entertained at what last Tuesday afternoon. Those present were: Mesdames Gannett, Yost, Coutant, Brinker, Barlow, Bishop, Ailes, Connell and Sargent.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. P. J. Corcoran entertained in honor of Miss Josephine Kohne, one of Fremont's teachers, and a sister to Mrs. F. J. Mieding. At cards Mrs. J. H. Reilly secured the first women's prize and Mr. F. J. Mieding the first men's prize. Consolation prizes were secured by Mrs. P. A. McKenna and Mr. J. H. Haney.

Mrs. W. A. Challis gave a bubble party Wednesday in honor of her little daughter Dorothy's 5th birthday. The tiny table from which the refreshments were served was prettily decorated with sweet peas and nasturtiums, and in the center was the birthday cake with its five candles. Prizes for the largest bubbles blown were won by little Miss Welcome Houchin and Master Homer Elbourn.

Mrs. Frank L. Adams and Mrs. C. H. Waltrath entertained the O. C. C. club at a picnic in Hanscom park Friday afternoon, having as their guests Mr. and Mrs. M. Dowling, Miss Ruth Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Haas and Mesdames Grattan and Wilson.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church, in honor of their president, Miss Josephine, a teacher in the Fremont school. Among other amusements cards were indulged in, at which Mrs. E. W. Norris secured the women's prize and Mr. P. J. Corcoran the first men's prize. Consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. John F. Daly and Mrs. Raymond McKenna. Mr. M. D. Hussie secured the prize for solving the greatest number of charades.

Social Chit-Chat.

Miss Eugenie Gerlach will give another lecture Monday at the home of Mrs. C. W. Hamilton.

Bishop and Mrs. A. L. Williams have returned to their summer place near Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Peters and children will spend the remainder of the summer at Les Cheneaux club, Mackinac Island.

Miss May Munchoff sailed from Germany July 4 and is expected in Omaha this week to spend the summer with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Rowley have given up their house at 23 North Twenty-fifth street and are occupying their cottage at Benson.

Some of the members of the Creche board have announced a card party to be given at the Country club, August 5, for the benefit of the Creche.

Miss Mount, who has been the guest of Mrs. Edward Dickinson for the past fortnight, has gone to Sioux City, for a two weeks' visit and will return August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rosewater have given up their apartments at the Millard hotel and have taken the house of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Coe, 107 North Twentieth street, for the summer and fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nash, Jr., who have spent some time in Germany, have started for home and will reach New York about July 25. They will spend a few days there and then return to Omaha, expecting to reach here early in August.

Weddings and Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Williams announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred, to Mr. Horace J. Leonard, the wedding to take place on July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Glover, 2319 Grand avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mabel, to William H. Chambers of Anderson, Ia. Wedding in the fall.

The marriage of Miss Adelaide Spencer, daughter of Robert G. Spencer of New York City, to Mr. J. E. Otis, was solemnized at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church, Rev. E. H. Jenks officiating. Only a few friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. Otis is connected with the Cudahy Packing Company and he and his bride will be at home for the present at the Helms.

Last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock Miss Helen Bondeson was married to Mr. Lyman R. Walker at the home of the bride's

parents at 2477 Burt street. The bride looked very dainty in a gown of crepe de chine over silk. The house was prettily decorated with cut flowers and ferns. After the ceremony a lunch was served. Only the immediate relatives of the bride were present. Father Potter of St. Paul's Episcopal church officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Walker left Thursday evening for Covington, Louisville, Ky., and other points via Chicago. They will be at home to their friends at the Utopia, Omaha, after August 20.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Combs in Dundee was the scene of one of the prettiest of the summer weddings, yesterday afternoon, when Miss Ella White, sister of Mrs. Combs, became the wife of Mr. Charles W. Bixit. The wedding was most simple in its details, garden flowers, chiefly sweet peas, being used in the decoration of the house and in the parlor where the ceremony was performed before the south windows. The bride wore a handsome gown of white muslin with white tulle and carried a shower of white sweet peas. Miss Byrd Purdy was her only attendant, she wearing a costume of figured tan net over blue silk. Mr. Charles Burkett acted as groom's man and Rev. E. Combs Smith of the First Methodist church officiated. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bixit are widely known in Omaha and are one of the tellers at the First National bank. They left last evening for the west to spend their honeymoon at Estes Park, Colo., and will be at home at 4065 Dodge street after September 1.

The Rhode Island Federation is the first of the state organizations to have a club house. The necessary funds have been subscribed for the building and the work is to be begun soon. The building will be called Churchhill House.

The club women of New England are planning an exhibit to be placed at the fair to be given this fall at Boston by the United Commercial Travelers of America. Practically all of the women's organizations of that section will be represented. In addition to the exhibit there will be a daily program, consisting of lectures and demonstrations in domestic science and domestic arts. There will also be in connection a model day nursery and play room, where children may be left under the care of professional attendants. A model kitchen and dining room will form a part of the exhibit.

The report that Miss Helen Gould is contemplating the erection of a national club building devoted to the interests of the club women of America represented in the General Federation is received with delight by women generally. It is said that the building is to be located somewhere in the middle west, and that it is Miss Gould's intention to expend several million dollars in its erection, equipment and maintenance. It is supposed that it will be run on the plan of a great institution in the instruction of literature, art, science and other subjects to which the club women are giving their attention.

That the women of America had 150 representatives at the International Council of Women and the Quinquennial conference held last month in Berlin is a fact that speaks for itself. In a series of articles contributed to several American newspapers Mrs. Ida Husted Harper says:

"A Berlin! A Berlin!" was the warlike cry of Napoleon. And a Berlin, a Berlin, has been the rallying cry of an army of women, from the four corners of the earth, they have journeyed to the seat of the German empire. Under the waving banner of peace, Germany and France clasped friendly hands. Australia and New Zealand, the United States, the Scandinavian, South America presents her compliments to Great Britain and the United States beams approvingly on all the men of our country, would feel very proud of their women folk, if they could see the attention shown them at these women's conferences, capable of doing and being! and then invariably they end with the inquiry, "But why is it that you have not the suffrage, when you have every thing else?"

The club women of Carroll, Neb., are making an effort to secure to their town the benefits of the state traveling library. This privilege will cost \$40, a considerable sum for the women to raise when it is considered that their town has less than 200 inhabitants. It is in this sort of courage and perseverance that has placed the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs to the front in club work and Carroll is but one of many towns that has helped to place it there.

It requires only a glance at the newly appointed membership of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to show the woman who knows, or, in fact, almost any other woman for that matter, that the new executive board has safeguarded the General Federation against the intrusion of at least all the known undesirable elements that would seek admission to it. Mrs. Tracy V. Penhacker of Austin, Tex.; Miss Louise B. Poppenheim, 31 Meeting street, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. George D. Armstrong, 29 Fry street, Lewiston, Me.; Mrs. C. C. Goodard, 811 Middle street, Leavenworth, Kan.; and Mrs. S. O. S. Nelson, 117 East First Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. This is the personnel of the committee and when it is remembered that it requires its unanimous vote to elect a club to membership, and attention is given to the addresses of the committee members, there seems little danger that colored or Mormon clubs will be admitted.

Sam'l Burns' July Clearing Sale commences Monday.

CHINA LIKES UNITED STATES

Third Assistant Secretary of State Returns from Trip to the Orient.

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"In a word, I believe in the possibility of a revolution; but that would bring in its wake reaction, not reform, just as was the case in Austria after 1848."

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PRETORIA, Transvaal, July 16.—General Louis Botha, former commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, has publicly requested all officers, officials and burghers of the late South African Republic to observe July 17 as a day of mourning for the late former President Kruger. He also expressed the hope that all the old inhabitants would don mourning for a month. General Botha pays tribute to the president for his energy and his sacrifices to make the African people a nation and concludes:

"His death is all the sadder because he was not permitted to spend his last days in his own country. We in South Africa feel this deeply, but will keep silent."

WOMAN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

It is a matter of genuine satisfaction to club women generally that a plan has at last been devised by which the news of the General Federation may, from month to month, be given out. At the meeting of the new executive board at the close of the St. Louis biennial it was decided that each member of the board shall have charge for one month of the year of preparing the news of the General Federation for presentation to the club women through the columns of The Club Woman, the federation's official organ. The schedule is as follows: August, Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker; September, Mrs. Charles Perkins; October, Mrs. Edna F. Williams; November, Mrs. J. Lindsey Johnson; December, Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenborough; January, 1905, Mrs. Mary S. Wood; February, Mrs. Philip N. Moore; March, Mrs. Joseph E. Fowler; April, Mrs. May Alden Ward; May, Mrs. Percy Perry; June, Mrs. William Orr; July, Mrs. Charles Yardley.

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RAILWAY IS UNEQUAL

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In these interesting books, making it impossible for us to draw any other conclusion than that muddle, incapacity and the division and the subdivision of responsibility among an army of officials, sufficiently properly managed, to deal with a hundred times the work they have to do, have set their seal upon Russia of today and are dragging it down to the brink of an appalling catastrophe.

But perhaps the most serious danger for the future of Russia is the complete lack of a powerful middle class which knows what it wants and means to get it. Listen to this description of the middle-class provincial life from the columns of the Russian Times—the Novoe Vremya itself: "It is a fact that at the present moment not only our villages, but even our district towns, are falling into decay. In the first place the number of their inhabitants has remained stationary in most of them for decades past. In some a town as Uglich has even, like many others, declined in population, its former figure of 15,000 inhabitants being now only 9,000."

"Postal communication has not progressed beyond the ancient stages. Two or three times a week the post comes and no body thinks of making a change in this state of things, although the organization of a daily service would entail only a very moderate expenditure."

"No libraries, no reading rooms, no theaters. Social life is consisted of a number of towns there are not even clubs, and where they exist they are used by the local intelligentsia, which frequently consists entirely of drunkards, as a sort of high-class public house. Decay is evident everywhere; the streets are overgrown with grass, the fences crooked, the little houses of the humbler inhabitants half in ruins; everywhere you see unused building plots. Trade and the revenue of the towns are decreasing hopelessly."

"The towns are burdened with taxes on trade, upon immovables, with the quartering of the military and by other taxes of the government. They are deprived of one source of income after another in favor of the treasury."

In many districts, where the population is declining at an alarming rate, the cause is to be found in the loosening of the ties between parents and children.

Shaping for a Revolution.

VIENNA, July 16.—(Special Cablegram to the Bee).—A prominent politician in western Europe wrote to a friend here a few days ago: "Everything in Russia seems shaping for a revolution, and a determined protest against the bureaucratic regime. Russia will have to modernize itself, as it stands a fair chance of having to face a century."

The letter was shown to an experienced diplomatist here, who made the following remarks on it: "I wish it might be so, but I do not believe it. Where could the czar find men in his vast empire whom he could trust and whom the people could trust to undertake the work of reform? There is no Francis Beck in Russian Poland as there was in Hungary. Not indeed, anyone trained in constitutional ideas, and the masses would not understand whether reforms meant the distribution of the land of the nobility amongst the peasants, the abolition of taxes, or what else. There is plenty of dissatisfaction and a revolution may be attempted by Poles and Poles, assisted by Jews, Armenians, socialists and the student class. There may, again, be nihilism in its ugliest form; but an era of constitutional reform there will not and cannot be. A revolution would be put down; nihilism would be stamped out as before, and Russia would remain what it is—a country in which the best intentioned ruler, like the present czar, himself the slave and the victim of the bureaucracy system—a country in which corruption is the real ruler and will not allow reform, which means public control."

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Come and Go Gossip. Mr. Robert F. Smith has gone to Chicago. Miss Bertha Baumer is visiting friends in Lincoln. Mr. Harley Moorehead left Wednesday for Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Austin have returned from California. Mrs. George E. Mickel and little daughter are visiting in Ohio. Mr. George Sparlock is visiting his parents at York, Neb. Miss Pauline Adair will visit relatives at Kearney this month. Albert Edholm has gone to the northern lakes on a fishing trip. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dumont are spending a fortnight in Boston. Mrs. S. A. Past is the guest of her parents in St. Paul, Minn. Mr. George J. Crane left Friday for a trip to the Pacific coast. Mrs. Reid W. Talmage has gone to New York to spend the summer. Mr. W. N. Chambers is enjoying a three weeks' trip through the east. Miss Theodora Borgman has gone for an extended visit in the east. Miss Bessie Towle has returned from a visit with friends in the east. Mr. and Mrs. Ned Pettit have gone to Hot Springs, S. D., for the week. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rogers have returned from a visit to Topeka, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. George Turner and family are visiting the St. Louis exposition. Miss Jean Campbell returned yesterday from a two weeks' outing at Clear Lake. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown and daughter are spending a fortnight at Mackinac. Mrs. J. T. Klingler of Buffalo, N. Y., is the guest of her son, Mr. A. V. Klingler. Mrs. W. F. Allen is back from a visit of several weeks in Illinois and Missouri. Mrs. Frank Judson and daughters are visiting friends and relatives in Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goss expect to spend several weeks with relatives in Ohio. Miss Frances Stern left last night for a two weeks' pleasure trip at the World's Fair. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm are back from a fortnight's stay in Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Lehmer are in Mexico City, where they will remain until August. Mr. John S. Clarke of Mexico arrived Saturday to be the guest of his brother, Dr. Clarke. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bryan will leave today to visit friends in New York City and Boston. Mrs. Joseph Burns and daughter, Miss Dorothy, are visiting relatives at Wakefield, Neb. Miss Grace Allen of Ottumwa, Ia., is expected this week to be the guest of Miss Grace Hancock. Mrs. Haight and daughter, Miss Bessie Haight, departed Saturday evening for Lake Okoboji. Mrs. George P. Cronk and children and Miss Helen Sorenson left Saturday for Lake Okoboji. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Philippi are entertaining Mrs. Elizabeth Wold and her daughter of Somerset, Pa. Mrs. F. Baxter is visiting her parents in the east. Judge Baxter expects to join her early in August. Miss Florence Putnam who has been the