SOCIETY AND ST. VALENTINE

Coming Week Will Be Devoted to the God of Lovers.

VISITING NURSES GET RIGHT-OF-WAY

Birthday Party of the Association on Washington's Birthday Now Looks Like a Successful Function.

The Valentines.

St. Valentine's eve and the skies were gray,
And the frozen snows were deep,
When I suddenly started wide awake
From a sound and dreamless sleep.
The air was full of a rustling noise,
And I saw by the firelight red
A throng of beautiful shimmering shapes
That circled around my bed.

There were maids in lilac and blue and pink
With spangles of silver and gold,
And youths in powder and velvet coats,
With eyes both merry and bold;
And doves that bore in their tiny beaks,
Or under their downy wings,
Loveknots azure, and billets doux,
And hearts and roses and rings.

"We come from the wonderful Land of Bliss
Where Cupid is king," they said,
"And music of lutes is the fashion yet,
And debts with kisses are paid;
And every year, come snow or blow,
We return to the world once more,
Each bearing vows from a lover true,
To leave at a maiden's door."
The Debutante in Town Topics.

The Social Calendar.

MONDAY—South Side Whist club meeting.
TUESDAY—Mrs. Edward Getten's card party; Miss Margaret Wood's card party; kensington of current topics department of the Woman's club; Mrs. Charles Keller, a luncheon and matinee party; Mrs. Samuel Burns, jr., entertains the Cooking club.
WEDNESDAY—Mrs. George Palmer's tea; Mrs. Edward Getten, a card party; Miss Alice Fredrick's card party; Mrs. Rothschild, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Goldstrom and Mrs. Sampson, a card party; Mrs. H. L. Beard, a card party; Mrs. Goodrich entertains the West End Bridge club; Mrs. J. W. Fisher entertains Rountze Place Luncheon club; Baker-Urlau wedding.
THURSDAY—Cotillion club's cotillion; Mrs. F. L. Axtell, a luncheon.
FRIDAY—Mrs. C. B. Horton and Mrs. H. J. Penfold's card party; Four Fours club meets with Mrs. Frisbey; Mrs. N. B. Updike entertains P. E. O.
SATURDAY—Mrs. Frank Haller's luncheon.

While in the main, last week was dull to the extent of being oppressive, there were a few pretty affairs and one, at least, that will stand out conspicuously in the memory of the fashionables after the season is over—that was the Orcutt-Keeline wedding. It was a beautiful affair, but an even more distinguishing feature of it was the general popularity of the bride. As for the other things, they were mostly card parties or a round of luncheons and small affairs in honor of the visiting girls and included the little coterie of friends of the hostesses or of the honor guests. This week St. Valentine will wear the crown, and from Monday until Saturday society will employ the red heart, the emblem of the little god, to stamp its score cards, decorate its rooms and for every other possible purpose. Wednesday's calendar is full and it is a friendless one indeed who has not some invitation for that day.

Society is responding loyally to the wish of the Visiting Nurses association that February 22, might be left open for the afternoon and evening reception, the annual "birthday party" of the association, which will be given at the Elks' club on that date. As the association claims among its membership many of the most prominent society women, the birthday party promises to be a brilliant affair. In fact, these women evidently intend to see to it that it is, for many of the fashionable women have discouraged other hostesses entertaining on Washington's birthday by announcing their intention to decline all invitations that the Visiting Nurses may have that day just as far as can be arranged. One of the local patriotic societies graciously conceded that day to the Nurses for their annual reception, willing to co-operate to make this Omaha's one annual charity function as great a success as possible. In speaking of the reception an officer of the association said: "It is not our wish to monopolize Washington's birthday, for we appreciate that many hostesses would naturally like to entertain then, but we have observed that day for so many years for our birthday party that we can not very well make a change. This year it was decided to hold the evening as well as the afternoon reception, and we felt sure that other women would willingly co-operate with us in the interest of this very deserving charity."

Coming Events.

Mrs. Frank Haller has cards out for a luncheon Saturday.

Mrs. F. L. Axtell will entertain at luncheon Thursday at the Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blacklin entertain at cards Saturday evening, February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beard will entertain at cards at their home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. H. E. Frederickson has issued cards for a euchre party the afternoon of February 22.

Mrs. George Palmer has invitations out for a tea from 4 to 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The members of the Cooking club will be guests of Mrs. Sam Burns, jr., at cards Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Wood will entertain Tuesday afternoon for Miss Richardson, Mrs. Ella Nash's guest.

Mrs. Willis Todd will be hostess of Tuesday afternoon's kensington for the members of the current topics department of the Woman's club. Mrs. Ralph Bush and Mrs. Fred Patterson will be assistant hostesses.

Mrs. Clarence LeFevre Rosa will be the hostess of the J. T. Card club on next Tuesday afternoon.

The postponed meeting of the Four Fours club will meet with Mrs. H. C. Frisbie Friday of this week.

Mrs. Edwin Getten will entertain a series of two card parties this week, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Miss Alice Fredricks will entertain at cards Wednesday evening at her home on South Thirty-second street.

Mrs. J. W. Fisher will entertain the members of the Kountze Place Luncheon club at a valentine luncheon Wednesday.

Mrs. C. B. Horton and Mrs. H. J. Penfold have issued cards for a card party Friday afternoon at the home of the former.

Mr. Tom Davis and Mr. Lou Clark will lead the next cotillion which will be given by the Cotillion club Thursday evening.

Mr. Farnam Smith will give an Orpheum party Monday evening for Miss McLaren of Chicago, who is Miss Florence Lewis' guest.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lemist will entertain about a dozen friends of Mrs. S. G. Strickland. Sunday evening, in Mrs. Strickland's honor.

This week's meeting of the South Side Whist club will be entertained Monday afternoon at the Madison. Mrs. Howes to be hostess.

The West End Bridge club will hold its next meeting Wednesday of this week with Mrs. Goodrich at the home of her mother, Mrs. Porterfield.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cook will entertain the members of the Marchionette club, with their husbands, at a Washington dinner, Saturday evening, February 24.

Mrs. Rothschild, with her daughters, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Sol Goldstrom and Mrs. Meyer Klein, will entertain at whist Wednesday afternoon at her home on St. Mary's avenue.

Mrs. Charles Keller will give an informal luncheon at the Omaha club Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Herbert of New York. Later she and her guests will make up a matinee party at the Burwood.

The members of Chapter E. P. E. O. sisterhood, with their husbands and men friends, will be entertained Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Updike, 3614 Jackson street. It will be a card party.

Social Chit-Chat.

Miss Kate McHugh has taken the house at 2332 Dodge street.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rogers, who have spent the winter in Dresden with Mrs. Rogers' mother and sister, have gone to Berlin, enroute to Italy, and then home.

Cards have been received by Omaha friends announcing the winter's work of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gareissen at their studio in Washington, D. C. In addition to his vocal work Mr. Gareissen is giving a course of musical lectures. Mrs. Gareissen has a class in physical culture and dramatic art. Mrs. Gareissen expects to take a class of young women abroad next summer.

Weddings and Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cahn announce the engagement of their daughter, Viola, to Mr. Arthur A. Frank of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Van Noys of Bellemead, N. J., have announced the betrothal of their daughter, Marie Elwood, to Arthur Caton Thomas of New York City, but formerly of Omaha.

The marriage of Miss Etta Whipple and Mr. Ned T. Bartley will take place Tuesday evening, February 20, at the home of the bride's parents. Owing to the recent death of Mr. Bartley's mother, the wedding will be quiet.

Come and Go Gossip.

Mrs. J. F. Mills of Denver is the guest of Omaha friends.

Mrs. E. E. Balch is the guest of friends in Notre Dame, Ind.

Miss Pauline Mills of Denver is the guest of Miss Alice Fredrick.

Mrs. William L. Karnes is expected down from Fort Meade soon for a short stay in Omaha.

Mrs. W. E. Maguire and two children left Friday for an extended stay in southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Beeson returned from Chicago Thursday, having attended the automobile show.

Mrs. W. F. Roberts and little son of Chicago are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fredrick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hull returned Wednesday from Chicago, where they had spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Yates and Miss Yates leave Tuesday for New York to sail for Europe Saturday.

Mrs. M. M. Standish has returned from a two weeks' visit with her son, Mr. Frank Standish, in Kansas City.

Mr. Jo Barker spent part of last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick at their ranch in Wyoming.

Miss May Rothschild, who has been visiting in Des Moines, is now in Chicago and from there will go east for the remainder of the winter.

Miss Margaret Lake of Evanston, Ill., who has been the guest of Miss Phobe Smith, and one of the most entertained of the visiting girls, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Raymond Welch will leave February 19 to join her parents, Judge and Mrs. Kelly, and her children, near Los Angeles, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Miss Gertrude Moorhead and Miss Kennard will go to Chicago Thursday, where they will spend a few days before Miss Moorhead goes to Cleveland to attend the wedding of a friend.

Miss Blanche Garten returned to her home in Lincoln Friday after spending a fortnight in Omaha, the guest of Miss Ethel Tukey and Miss Fannie Cole. Miss Garten was the honor guest at a number of social affairs during her visit in Omaha.

Pleasures Past.

Mrs. W. H. Dorrance entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Flinch club at her home, 2780 Central boulevard. The prize was awarded Mrs. Will Dermody.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. R. English entertained the Saturday Evening Whist club at their home on South Twenty-eighth street, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Barnum winning the prizes. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Vette.

Miss Edith Carson entertained a matinee party at the Burwood Saturday, her guests being Misses Ruth Kenny, Helen Howard, Irene Lucas, Irene Jaynes, Bess Gould, Roberta Eddy, Vera Walker, Edna Gwynne and Maude Spence. Mrs. Carson chaperoned the party.

In celebration of her 26th birthday anniversary Mrs. W. H. Dorrance was pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends Thursday evening at her home, 2780 Central boulevard. Cards, flinch and music contributed to a very enjoyable evening. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Henry Koewler entertained at cards Wednesday evening in honor of her father, Mr. Ward, who is here from the east. Progressive high five was played, Mrs. Edward Sweeney being awarded the woman's first prize, a beautiful burnt-wood plaque, while Mr. Fred Koewler carried off the man's high prize. The consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. Holton and Mr. Swett.

In honor of Miss Claudie Uriau, whose marriage to Dr. Baker takes place Wednesday, Mrs. J. C. Weeth entertained informally Thursday afternoon. The guests were Mmes. Millard Funkhouser, Updike, C. A. Hunter, C. C. Rosewater, G. B. Eddy, Bryant, McMannis, Goodrich, Buchanan, Walworth, G. G. Urlau, H. Carpenter, Hervey, Robbins, Munro, Wagner; Misses Urlau, Katherine Urlau, Hutchinson, Patch and Mason.

The members of the kensington of branch 852, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent association, met at the home of Mrs. John Maher, on Grace street, last Thursday afternoon, all members being present and a number of visiting women. A delicious luncheon was served. The kensington will meet at the home of Mrs. Pauline Meyin, 3026 Emmet street, Thursday afternoon, February 22.

Mrs. H. B. Morrill entertained at cards Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Hodges of Chicago. Prizes were won by Mrs. James Hodges and Mr. Q. F. Campbell. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Hodges, Mrs. Hodges of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Q. F. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reynolds, Miss Eliza Chandler Westcott, Miss Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rhodes and Mr. Richard Morrill of Dubuque.

The annual ball of the High School Cadet Officers' club was held last night at Chambers' hall, with over thirty couples in attendance. The decorations consisted of American flags draped about the balcony, alternated with the colors and pennants of the six companies comprising the cadet battalion. Strings of the pennants were stretched from the four corners of the hall to the center chandelier, which was also draped with a generous supply of colors. The cadet officers appeared in full dress uniform. The ball was in charge of Clement Chase, jr., and Ware Hall.

Miss Fay Lyman entertained the members of the La Douzaine club at her home Friday evening, February 9. A very pleasant time was spent at cards, Miss Joe Lyman securing the prize, a hand-painted plate. Later in the evening dainty refreshments were served in the dining room, which was exceedingly pretty in its color scheme of red. Nuts containing fortune slips marked each place and considerable amusement was caused when they were read. Miss Allen, Miss Crow and Mr. Fleming were the special guests of the evening.

Friday evening last the friends of Mrs. S. N. Mealio planned an old fashioned surprise party for her in honor of her birthday. A three-course dinner was served, with covers laid for twelve, after which a musicale was given, in which Miss Ella Rentz of Vienna, Mrs. Dr. C. Henry and Misses Myrtle and Edna Cole participated, both instrumental and vocal music being rendered, and a very pleasant evening was passed by all. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cole, Miss Mary Pendergast, Miss Ella Rentz, Misses Myrtle and Edna Cole, and Mr. George C. Hurd of Chicago.

CHANGES ON FARNAM STREET

Old-Timer Recalls Some Passing History, Suggested by Haney's Sale.

The sale of the corner lot at Eighteenth and Farnam streets to the Woodmen Circle to erect a handsome modern store and office building on it makes necessary the early removal of the old house long occupied as a home by Edwin Haney, and its removal will see the passing of the last of the remnants of early Omaha on the Farnam street block between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

"Few people who pass along this block realize the changes that house has witnessed and could tell about if it could speak," said an old-timer, musing on the news of the sale. "In the first place, Farnam street had been graded twice before the Haney house was built. The crest of the hill was originally nearly thirty feet above the present street level and a third cut came later, leaving this place some fifteen feet up in the air, as we see it today.

"In the early days the north side of Farnam street at this point had the preference in being built up. At the corner where the Davidge block stands was the residence of Captain T. W. T. Richards, an old foundryman—a brick structure transformed by reconstruction into a castle-like building, with a grim square tower. Just west on the property recently acquired by Mrs. Dufrene was the old Porter home, the home of the parents of Mrs. Haney, with whom the Haney's lived for a while—in fact for some time after the house across the street was erected, for that I remember was at one time occupied by the Pritchard family. Adjoining the Porter place on the west, on the lot where the new Deright store is, were two more frame houses, one occupied by Rev. M. G. McKoon, who is still living in California, and the other by several families in succession, among them the family of Martin Dunham. The Nineteenth street corner, on which the Omaha Commercial college has been built, held a little wooden house in which lived an old Scotch stonemason named Thompson and his family. One of the Thompson girls is, I believe, still teaching in our schools.

"The south side of the street was, as I have said, but sparsely settled. West of the Haney house was a frame cottage occupied by Overall, the colored letter carrier who died a few years ago, and west of that were nothing but vacant lots. The site of the Overall house was later improved by the erection of a triple flat building by the late Chris Hartman. The little cottage on the Eighteenth street side of the corner lot was put up by the Haneys for Dave Kimball, the popular city ticket agent of the Northwestern road. Kimball is dead, but his widow and daughter are heard from occasionally from out in Washington state. Haney has always said he was going to hold his corner until it brought him $50,000, and now he has realized his figure. That is what I call faith in Omaha."

CONTEST FOR INTERSTATE

State Colleges Will Pick Their Best Man Friday at University Place.

Orators from the principal colleges of the state will participate in a state contest at University Place Friday evening, February 16, for the honor of representing Nebraska in an interstate contest to be held next May in Wooster, O. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Nebraska Collegiate Oratorical association, comprising Nebraska Wesleyan university, Bellevue college, Hastings college, Cotner university, Creighton university and Doane, York and Grand Island colleges.

A large delegation is expected to accompany the contestants from Bellevue and Creighton, as special rates have been secured. William Sternberg will appear for Creighton and Charles Baskerville for Bellevue. A. H. McVay will represent Nebraska Wesleyan university.

The winner of the state contest represents Nebraska at the interstate meeting at Wooster, in which representatives from ten states participate.

O. C. C. Entertainment.

Friday evening, February 16, the Omaha Commercial college will give its twenty-first annual entertainment in its new auditorium at Nineteenth and Farnam streets. A splendid program has been arranged, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings, debate, etc. Cuscaden's orchestra will furnish several numbers. Past experience has proved that these entertainments are always enjoyable and of the choicest literary and musical nature.

WOMAN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

The editor of the woman's department of the Western Laborer, commenting editorially upon last Monday's meeting of the social science department of the Woman's club, when the Consumers' league label and the trades union labels were discussed, wonders if the club women understand that the women's auxiliaries in the trades unions are and have for several years past been agitating and so creating the demand for union made goods—union label goods—which insure all and more than the white label of the Consumers' league represents? Probably the majority of club women are not familiar with the valiant work of the wives of union men or even that there is such a thing as union label or for what it stands, but they may be assured that the club women are glad of such opportunities as last Monday afternoon afforded to learn more about it and that theirs is a sympathetic interest. It is evident, however, that the members of the Woman's auxiliary and the representatives of the unions are little more familiar with the work of the club, its aims and accomplishments, than the club women are with them and theirs. It is but natural that they should wonder at the necessity of the Consumers' league, when all that it guarantees and more is included by the union labels, and the question naturally follows why, when club women learn of the union label they ally themselves with the Women's auxiliary in creating the demand for union made goods.

There is a reason, and a good one, for the existence of the Consumers' league and why club women should support it. The club movement is broad, so broad that it takes in a score of interests that concern women in every stage and every degree of society. The Woman's club exists no more for philanthropic or altruistic work than for music, art, literature or self-culture. There are among its most prominent members women known the country over as specialists in every branch and every activity that pertains to or interests women, and so the club, as a club, is in consequence forced to keep to the conservative middle ground that will not incur further prejudice than already exists against the activity of women outside of the home to accomplish the best results. The club, as a club, can not be partisan, and so it has shunned politics and like entanglements.

Women's clubs were organized originally for self culture. This was the only sort of organization permitted or consistent with woman's "sphere" less than half a century ago. Sixteen years ago, after much hard work and opposition, not the least of which was from the conservative women themselves, a national organization was effected and since then the altruistic work has gone forward amazingly. The state organization has strengthened the woman's movement materially, and gradually the woman's club has become a power that is not realized by the majority of the women themselves. Men, however, in their larger experience, realize the possibilities of this aggregation of the flower of American womanhood, but men do not understand, as do those who have helped to build this force, all of its weak points or the difficulties under which this splendid organization has been accomplished.

Men, and a surprisingly large number of men, do not realize that one of the club's greatest handicaps in the tendency to broader and larger effort, and industrialism comes in here, is the conservativeness of women themselves. It is not every woman who has the moral courage to brave ridicule by disregarding the conventionalities and traditions that have prevailed for centuries. The club woman has not always had the sympathetic backing of her husband and her male relatives by any means, or even of her sister club woman. If she chances to be a member of the social science department, for example, and would serve with a committee to investigate the extent to which the state labor law for women is enforced in the department stores of her town, or ascertain who carries white labeled goods, she is not only likely to bring embarrassing complications to her husband's business interests, but to incur the disapproval of her club sister in the art or music or literature departments, whose husband's interests may perchance be involved in the enforcement of that labor law. Still, she of the social science department is no more a club woman than she of the art, music or literature department, and their personal interests may be directly conflicting. There are thirteen departments in the Omaha Woman's club. "Unity in Diversity" is the club woman's motto, and be it said to her credit she has preserved this unity magnificently.

And so, when the club is accused of inconsistency let its critics take everything into consideration. It is a different thing with the member of the woman's auxiliary, for the personal interests of her self and husband are not only involved, but she has the support and backing of her husband's organization as well. Among the most prominent club women of the east who are contending for child labor legislation, factory inspection, the abolishing of the sweat shop and of a score of other industrial evils that bring wealth to the manufacturer, are the wives of some of these very manufacturers. They give of their wealth and their time, their intelligence and their influence. The rest of the club women are supplementing this effort, and little by little the results have begun to come. The club woman realizes that her conquest must be one of education—education that shall rectify and equalize—and not the least of this education has to be done among the conservative members of her own sex.

"Our Proxies in Industry" wil be the subject upon which Miss Mary McDowell of Chicago, president of the Illinois Women's Trades' Union league will address the Second district of the Nebraska Federation at its annual meeting at the First Congregational church Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. As may be readily recognized, the proxies referred to are the women in the factories and trades who are doing the work that only a generation or so ago was done in the home, and whose labor makes it possible for the home women to attend club meetings, travel and otherwise follow their inclinations. It was following Miss McDowell's impassioned appeal for the women in industry before the Wisconsin State Federation meeting last fall that the resolution proposed by Mrs. B. C. Gudden of Oshkosh, chairman of the Wisconsin Consumer's league, requesting that congress make an adequate appropriation for the investigation of the industrial conditions of women was passed. The resolutions were again passed by the Illinois Federation and Miss McDowell, with Jane Addams, Lillian Wald of the Nurses' Settlement of New York were appointed a committee by the National Women's Trades Union league to present the matter to President Roosevelt. Their suggestion was received with enthusiasm, and later embodied in the president's message. The General Federation of Women's clubs have taken up the matter and, organized in congressional districts, as this body is, the women are peculiarly well fitted to push the agitation and bring influence to bear upon congress. If such an investigation is made it will be the first investigation into the labor conditions of women ever made officially. Miss McDowell is one of the most prominent women in settlement work and her address before the club will be one of the features of the year. An important feature of Monday morning's program, omitted from the original announcement, will be a paper on "The Merit System in the Department of the Interior," by Mrs. C. R. Glover, and a paper on "Municipal Civil Service Reform" by Mr. Andrew Rosewater.

Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, state president, of Lincoln; Mrs. Glen Babson of Seward, state corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Apperson of Tecumseh, General Federation secretary for Nebraska; Mrs. A. L. Moore of Plattsmouth, state vice president, and Mrs. A. A. Scott of Lincoln, chairman of the program committee, will be among the out-of-town members of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs who will attend the Second district convention in Omaha Monday.

Mrs. Millard Langfelt will lead at Friday morning's meeting of the literature department of the Women's club, "Washington Irving" to be the author of the day.

James O'Hearn of the Armour Packing company's plant at South Omaha, will address the domestic science department Thursday morning. Under the food adulteration study, meats and fish will be the subjects.

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