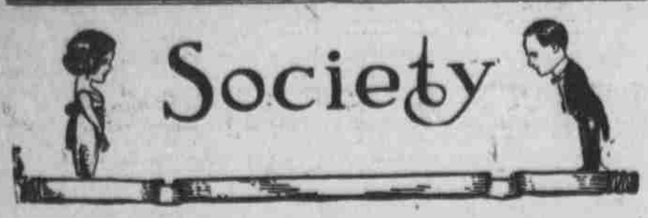


By MELLIFICIA. Monday, January 12, 1914.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE A. JOSLYN, who have been taking an enjoyable motor trip through the south, spent a few weeks in Cuba just before the holidays. They are accompanied by Mrs. Farnsworth and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bidwell of Hollywood, Cal., and while in Cuba took some interesting trips on the island and made considerable study of the orchids, many species of which grow wild in the tropics.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Joslyn after the tornado presented their wonderful collection of rare orchids to the city, they continue their interest in this flower and are decided connoiseurs on this subject.

The orchid, which is the most expensive, most difficult to raise and the most fashionable flower at present, has become quite a hobby with many people prominent in business and social circles. Especially in Boston and New York is the raising of the dainty orchid a popular hobby, but it takes so much time and expense that it has not become so popular in the west.

In going from New York to London I noticed that many of the prominent society women of New York wore corsage bouquets of orchids—a fresh one each day. Some of the blossoms were sent as parting gifts, but I imagine the latter part of the trip they got them from the little florist shop on board the steamer.

### For New York Guests.

Complimentary to Miss Hanscom and Miss France of New York, Mrs. Joseph Lehmer entertained informally at luncheon today at her apartments at the Hamilton. Daffodils formed the decoration and covers were placed for fourteen.

### Concert Parties.

Numerous box parties and line parties will be given this evening at the Auditorium to hear the Melba-Kubelik concert. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yost will have in their box Mrs. B. A. Matthews, Miss Matthews, Miss Helen Hibbard, Mrs. C. W. Lyman and Mrs. Charles Offutt.

With Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Fitzgerald will be Mrs. George Haverstick, Mrs. Hobart Chapman of Penn Yam, N. Y.; Miss Josephine Williams and Miss Ruth Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kennedy have a box party for their guests, Miss Hanscom and Miss France, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wattles will have as guests in their box:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Page.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Will Hamilton.
Mr. and Mrs. August Mothe Borglum.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Redick will also entertain at a box party.

A line party will include Hon. J. H. Millard, Miss Jessie Millard, Miss Carrie Millard, Miss Helen Millard, Mrs. Thomas Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Millard.

Mrs. Louis Ormsby Thompson of Central City will have a party of fourteen.

One of the large parties will include Miss Mayme Hutchinson, Mr. Walter Lewis of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, Mr. Chapman, Mme. Barbara Chatelaine, Miss Bonnell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nimmocks.

### Theater Parties.

Mr. Gould Dietz will entertain at a large theater party this evening at the Brandeis for a number of visiting lumbermen who are attending a state meeting here. Tuesday evening they will attend the Orpheum.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wood will have eight guests at the Brandeis this evening; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Haller, five; J. D. Richards, four; J. A. Cavers, four; W. S. Stillman, four; L. C. Nash, five.

### For the Future.

Mrs. S. R. Bush will entertain at a tango luncheon Wednesday for Miss Lydia Stam of West Union, Ia., guest of Mrs. L. D. Upham.

Mrs. Mel Uhl, jr., will entertain at luncheon Thursday.

### Unity Club.

The Unity club is reorganized and will conduct a series of lectures and open meetings throughout the season on alternate Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock in the lecture room of the public library—the first meeting to be Wednesday evening, January 14.

The speaker at the first meeting will be Mr. W. F. Baxter, on the subject of "The Effect of the Single Tax; an Ethical and Practical View." An open discussion is hoped for and questions will be answered as far as possible by the speaker.

The subjects for future meetings will be announced at a later date.

A business meeting for the adoption of the constitution and the election of officers will be held before the lecture of January 14 at 7:30 p. m. in the lecture room at the library. The committee includes Miss Jeanette McDonald, Janet Wallace and Prof. Nathan Bernstein.

### In and Out of the Bee Hive.

Mrs. Hobart Chapman of Penn Yan, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Haverstick.

Mrs. J. E. Baum spent Friday in Lincoln, returning here Saturday and leaving that evening for Philadelphia, where the are now making their home.

Madame Winchester of Paris, France, is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald, for ten days at their apartments at the Beaton. Madame Winchester has traveled extensively and has many friends here. During her stay numerous informal social affairs are planned in her honor.

Mrs. Alma Rice and daughter, Miss Ethel Rice, of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Clark of Council Bluffs left today, to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner of Fremont, and to attend a dinner party on Tuesday evening given by Mrs. Frank Joy and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Eddy at the home of the latter.

### At the Omaha Club.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Whitmore entertained at supper Sunday evening at the Omaha club for Mr. and Mrs. James K. Hackett. Their other guests were Miss Eugenie Whitmore and Mr. Bert Faulkner of Lincoln.

## FIERCE DAY 26 YEARS AGO

### Weather Man Tries to Repeat Storm of Early Times.

### WARMER OUT IN THE STATE

**Temperature Over Nebraka Ranges from Three to Twenty-Seven Above, with Zero and Below in Mountains.**

Monday was the anniversary of the big wind and blizzard of twenty-six years ago when the mercury fell to 35 degrees below zero and scores of people froze to death through the Mississippi and Missouri river valleys.

The weather man tried Sunday night to make history repeat itself, but his efforts proved a complete failure, and though he hung out the cold wave flag and did his best, the lowest to which he could push the mercury was 2 degrees above. Then he stopped and now he is figuring that the weather will be warmer tomorrow.

Reports to the railroads indicate that out through the state the weather generally is warmer than here in Omaha. Nebraska temperatures Monday morning ranged from 3 to 27 above, with a few points out in Wyoming and Colorado getting down to 6 and 8 degrees below zero.

According to the old time weather sharks, the cold day twenty-six years ago was some day. In the morning it was mild and warm, with a heavy, damp snow falling. There was an Omaha sleighing party to Council Bluffs and the owners and occupants of some 200 sleighs participated. They started about noon, not knowing that the weather making machinery up in the vicinity of Medicine Hat, Calgary and Bismarck was being disturbed.

Along about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the blizzard, which all day and during part of the night before had been sweeping down across the prairies of the far northwest, reached this vicinity. The wind blew in at a speed of about sixty miles per hour and with it it brought snow that had been chopped as fine as flour. It soon filled the air and ten minutes after the blizzard struck, a cloud of almost midnight darkness hovered over this part of the earth. People sought their homes and shelter and for three days the storm raged. There was no attempt made to transact business; railroad trains were annulled and long before the storm abated the situation became critical.

During the blizzard there were a number of fatalities out in the sparsely settled portions of Nebraska and right here in Omaha a milkman was frozen to death while making his rounds.

The Persistent and Judicious Use of Newspaper Advertising is the Road to Business Success.

## Contest Nominees Are Quite Active for the M. and M. Prizes

The standing of the individual contestants and organizations competing for their share of the $5,000 in cash and prizes offered by The Bee shows good, energetic work during the last two weeks.

The race for the $1,000 cash offered to organizations is exciting lively interest in lodge circles. Each lodge and society nominated has appointed a central committee. The principal duty of this committee is to see that not a label escapes the specially appointed vote collector. To throw away a label, wrapper or carton that has a voting value is looked upon as rank extravagance. That is as it should be. It is extravagance to waste that which will benefit someone else. With so many organizations and individuals striving for the prizes every home in the city should set aside a special place in which to put labels, cartons, wrappers and coupons. The gift of these votes will make someone happy. Save them. Don't throw them away.

The young women in the outside towns who are working for the free trip to Chicago have perfected a vote-getting system that not only does them credit, but it gets the votes. They have placed in the stores boxes, on each one of which is written the name of the candidate above the following appeal: "Won't you save your votes for me? I want to win the trip to Chicago." It is not necessary to say that an appeal of that kind wins out. It might be a good idea for the contestants in Omaha, Council Bluffs and South Omaha to act on the plan suggested by these nominees.

Friday the United Spanish War Veterans at their annual installation night perfected plans to get their order in the race for their share of the $750.

Many of the women who are working for a lodge or individual friend have hit upon a plan that keeps constantly the names of the manufactured goods and the retail merchants before them. In the kitchen they have hung up, as they would a calendar, the full page advertisement that appears in The Bee from time to time. When they want to order goods from the grocer they have only to refer to the printed list. They are thus able to always specify those products that carry a voting value. These are the articles that mean votes. You can't hope to succeed unless you buy them. If you have never tried any of these products now is the time to put them on your order list. They will please you and you won't be disappointed.

The contest manager wants to tell the candidates about the various ways by which votes may be secured. Won't you call and ask about it? The contest department, 224 Bee Bldg. The phone is Douglas 2119.

## ASK FOR GERMAN LANGUAGE

### Ten School Districts Have Already Petitioned the Board.

### AWAIT HERRING'S DECISION

**German is to Be Taught in High School of Commerce, Beginning Next Semester, Which Opens in February.**

Residents of ten public school districts have petitioned the Board of Education to have the German language taught in these schools. The last petitions came from the residents of Franklin and Webster districts.

Prof. Ferdinand Stedinger of Rockford, Ill., who was elected German supervisir here, will arrive February 4 and the advisability of installing these courses will be submitted to him.

There have also been many resuests for teaching other languages in the public schools. A new law passed by the last legislature provides that upon presentation of petitions signed by a certain number of residents any European language shall be taught. Oriental languages are excluded.

Whether this law applies literally to every school in the city is a question the Board of Education cannot answer. The matter was referred six months ago to the board's attorney, Carl Herring, but he has reached no decision.

"I have been thinking about it," said Herring, "and have almost decided to look up the law in the matter."

It is generally understood that the board is seeking to evade the wholesale requests and to gradually install the courses in the schools, and for this reason the attorney has been given to understand that an early decision is not expected.

The German language will be taught at the High School of Commerce beginning the second semester this year. The second semester begins in February.

Although the Board of Education is not equipped to grant all the requests for modern languages without additional teachers and longer school hours the language could be taught in several schools with little or no inconvenience.

## South Omaha Man Beaten by Thugs

James Pionkoski, aged about 30 years, was found about 11 Sunday night by Police Officer Charles Morton, lying in a semi-unconscious condition at the corner of Twenty-seventh and M streets. He had been beaten severely about the head and body and his face literally ripped to shreds. Morton called the police station and Officers Zaloudek, Gillin and Lepinski carried the man to the station, where Dr. William Betz gave him medical attention.

Pionkoski asserted that he had spent the evening at "Happy Corners" at Twenty-seventh and J streets and that upon leaving that vicinity he was accompanied by two strange men, who constantly engaged him in conversation and attempted to force him to follow the direction they were then taking. When Twenty-seventh and M streets was reached they set upon him without provocation and brutally beat him until he was in an almost senseless condition.

This morning John Houida was arrested at the Union stock yards on suspicion of being connected with the assault.

## Y. M. C. A. PLANS TO CONDUCT A GREEK-ENGLISH CLASS

Following publication in The Bee's letter box column of George N. Manassiotis' appeal for help in studying the English language, Educational Secretary J. W. Miller of the Young Men's Christian association has arranged a class in English for Greeks to be started soon.

George lives at 1124 Jackson street and says he has a great disposition to learn English, but has no money to pay for instruction.

"If he means business, the association will be glad to give him free lessons," says Mr. Miller, who is looking up the Greek and will invite him and others in the city to join the free class that is planned.

A similar class has been conducted by the association each winter for three years, Greek bootblacks and other young workers being given special attention and help in their efforts to become American citizens.

## PLUMBERS' ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

At a meeting of the Master Plumbers' association the following officers were elected for the coming year. George J. Morris, president; Emil Carlson, vice president; W. J. Catten, treasurer; J. B. Coningham, secretary. The meeting was well attended and held in the association's hall, Continental block.





## College Presidents to Inspect Campus at Lincoln Jan. 28

The commission consisting of some of the leading educators in the country who were invited by the Farmers' congress to inspect the present campus of the University of Nebraska and the state farm site will be in Lincoln on January 28. They will examine the facilities and conveniences of both locations and then render an expert opinion as to which would be the most propitious site for the university.

Those famous educators who will be members of the commission include President C. S. Van Hise, Wisconsin; President J. G. Schurman, Cornell; President George E. Vincent, Minnesota; President J. L. Snyder, Michigan Agricultural college, and President E. J. James, Illinois.

## BRIDGES RETURNS FROM ENGINEERS' MEETING

W. H. Bridges, engineer at the federal building and for six years engineer at The Bee building, has returned from the annual meeting of the Society of Constructors of Federal Buildings at Washington. Mr. Bridges bears the distinction of being one of the six engineers who have been invited to become members of the association because of their knowledge of the mechanical necessities in building construction.

## ARRESTED FOR INSULTING WIFE OF POLICEMAN

William Clark of Council Bluffs was fined $25 and costs in police court for insulting Mrs. J. H. White, wife of Officer White, while she was waiting for her husband at Sixteenth and Dodge streets.

Officer White was reporting off duty when Clark approached his wife and addressed her, but overtook the man a few moments later and arrested him.