

# Society Notes

March 19  
by Mellifera

**Looked On as a Home.**  
If you, of your own accord, without being put in prison or anything like that, live in one pleasant place for seven months without leaving it for so much as a single night, you are apt to become as much attached to that place as if it were your home. That is exactly the case with a great many people who have taken cruises on some of the great ocean steamers which have been sunk during the war.

The steamer *Laconia*, which was sunk about two weeks ago off the coast of Ireland without warning at about 10 o'clock p. m., was one of the largest steamers of the Cunard line. All the steamers of that line are named for old Roman provinces and have names ending in "ia," as, for instance, *Mauritania*, *Etruria*, *Carpathia* and *Laconia*.

A number of Omaha people have sailed on that last named boat. Mrs. Chester Nieman had the great pleasure four years ago of taking a seven months' cruise on the Mediterranean in it, and during that time came to feel as if it were a permanent abiding place. When the news of the sinking of the ship came she felt an actual pang as if she had lost a pleasant memory.

**Pre-nuptial Affairs.**  
Mr. Herbert Smailes will entertain the Burket-Copley wedding party this evening at an Orpheum party, followed by a supper at the Fontenelle.

Mrs. Forrest W. Byrd entertained at an Orpheum matinee party for Miss Myrtle Warren, whose marriage to Mr. Winfield Scott will take place Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Riseman will give a box party this evening at the Orpheum in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riseman, formerly of Omaha and now of Ottumwa, Ia., who were married March 4. After the theater the party will attend the supper-dance at the Fontenelle. The guests will be:

**To Honor Visitors.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Garland Boswell entertained at family supper at their home yesterday in honor of out-of-town relatives who are visiting in the city. Friday afternoon the Edith Buck will give a luncheon at her home for Miss Lillian Cavanagh of Chicago, and today Mrs. Garland Boswell is giving an Orpheum matinee party for the guests. The party Mrs. Alfred Francoeur of Glenwood, Chicago, goes this afternoon to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Miliken until Thursday, when she will change these hosts for Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Paterson. Mrs. H. N. Wood, mother of Mrs. Miliken, will entertain informally at luncheon at her home tomorrow for Mrs. Francoeur. This evening Mr. and Mrs.

**With the Bridge Players.**  
The bridge luncheon which was to have been given by the Political Equality league today at the Blackstone was postponed until next Monday.

Mrs. Fred Wallace entertained the Monday Bridge Luncheon club when two tables were placed for the game. Spring flowers furnished the decorations for the luncheon table.

Mrs. A. L. Reed entertained six members of the Original Monday Bridge club at her home. The time was spent in sewing for the Child Saving Institute.

Mrs. George Paterson entertained the Bridge Luncheon club at the Blackstone in place of Mrs. George Squires, who was to have had the club, but was unable to do so since she has been suffering for the last two weeks with an attack of the grippe. Mrs. Lloyd E. Swain, the guest of Mrs. John J. Sullivan, and Mrs. J. W. Griffiths were the only guests of the club. Covers were laid for eight and the table had for its centerpiece a bowl of pink tulips.

**On the Calendar.**  
Mrs. Ralph Kiewit will entertain the Thimble club tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. George Kiewit will be hostess for the Smith College association Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Summers are entertaining fifteen guests at dinner this evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Drake.

**Notes at Random.**  
Mrs. H. A. Cameron has returned from Washington, D. C., where she was called by the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. S. A. Lansdale.

Mrs. Lloyd E. Swain of Columbus, Neb., is spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. McCague will move the first of April from their home on Thirty-eighth street to the A. G. Beeson home, 3918 Harney street. Mr. and Mrs. Beeson will go to the Colonial.

Mrs. S. S. Carlisle returned this morning from St. Louis, where she went with Mr. Carlisle last Tuesday to be present at the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Carlisle. Mrs. Carlisle went to St. Louis about a month ago to attend the fifty-sixth wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Peters.

Rockford College club members are anticipating a visit from the president of their college in the near future. At that time a luncheon will be given at the home of one of the members. This will take the place of a students' luncheon which was talked of for the spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Roberts returned from their winter sojourn in Florida Monday.

Mrs. Bentley McCloud, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Olmsted, returned to her home in Chicago Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Adams, formerly of Omaha, but now of Ottumwa, Ia., left today for a months' business and pleasure trip in California, Oregon and other Pacific coast points. On their return they will stop in Omaha.

The Misses Louise White, Helen Miller, Lillian Dickman and Eunice Fike were week-end guests in Lincoln, where they attended the Alpha Omicron Pi formal dancing party, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lester Anderson has gone to Kansas City and other Missouri river points for a six weeks' visit with relatives.

The Misses Lucille Wilcox and Lucille Nietche came home from the state university for the week-end.

Registered at the Hotel Clark in Los Angeles are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butts and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Burns, Me. and Mrs. P. E. Uterback.

## RECENT BRIDE HONORED BY DINNER.



MRS. LUTHER DRAKE

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Shackelford and Frank Graham.

Mrs. Jay B. Katz has returned with her children from St. Louis and is at the Blackstone. Mrs. Hattie C. Rubel and her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Vaughn Glaser of St. Louis, arrived also on Sunday and are at the Blackstone. Mrs. Glaser will be remembered as Miss Mildred Rubel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brandeis have returned from a month's vacation trip to California.

## Restaurant Frock Tribute to Omaha's Metropolitan Rank

A tribute to Omaha's metropolitan character are the new restaurant frocks featured for the first time at the Brandeis stores spring showing. They differ from the ordinary evening gown by being built a little higher in the neck, the sleeves long, albeit of the flimsiest net or chiffon and in their slightly subdued tones. With fine new hotels becoming more and more popular as social rendezvous the advent of the restaurant frock was inevitable.

The new small women's and misses' department is featuring the coat-dress, a one-piece street dress of serge, or tricotine, to be worn with furs as an adjunct. The models are simple in line and give promise for popularity on account of their youthful appearance.

Flirt and Irish laces are the newest trimming for the spring blouses. They are used with georgette crepes in most inviting effects. The same materials forming the Russian blouse, with the peplin effect, will be worn with bright-colored silk and satin skirts this season.

## Disciples of Christ Organize in Benson

Ralph C. Harding, superintendent of Douglas county Christian missions, assisted by Messrs. Graham, Rowe, Wheeler and Evans of the board, organized a Christian church in Benson Sunday night, with twenty-nine charter members and a total prospective membership of sixty. The topic of the evening was "Why a Christian Church in Benson." Evangelistic services will be continued indefinitely.

## Easter Raiment for Milady Will Rival Joseph's Coat for Varied Hues

Milady's Easter raiment will rival Joseph's coat of many hues, judging by the spring opening display of feminine fineries at the Burgess-Nash store. From the top of her colorful Easter bonnet to the tip of her varicolored boot, Milady will dazzle the eye and squander the purse with the brilliancy of her attire.

That the martial note is no longer sounded in spring fashions, with the exception perhaps of the return of the cape wrap, but that everything is distinctly new and rejuvenated to a most youthful degree, suggests a new era. The appearance of the Russian blouse in striped Tussahs, replacing the sports sweater and in daintier georgettes for dressier wear with brilliant-hued skirts, intimates that Dame Fashion anticipated the Russian revolution instead of adjusting her modes to the news of the hour.

The inevitable spring suit takes a minor position this season, unless it is of satin or the new jersey silk, which compared with the lovely frocks and wonderful wraps which are being shown here. The coats are flared and come in exquisite materials, satins, taffetas and are fashioned with ruffles, and heavily ornamented.

Combinations are so new as to be unheard of before. Bolivia cloth is combined with taffeta or jersey cloth or georgette crepe, in whatever manner the sweet will of the designer dictated, in never-before-achieved results of beauty.

The eastern influence is strongest in all the new spring materials. Khaki-Kool, Tussah, Shantung and Yo-san silks are among these, although the Paisley pussy willow silk is enjoying quite a vogue.

Milady's Easter bonnet will be light in color, gold or chartreuse preferably, topped smartly up from the face, and trimmed with flowers and wings, if purchased at Burgess-Nash store. The Chinese influence is pro-

# In Advance of Summer



## Commercial Club Members Run Gauntlet of Friends

Scores of Omaha business men are better acquainted today than they were yesterday.

This is because the entertainment committee of the Commercial club stood in a double line with open ranks in the Commercial club lobby at noon and made the new members run the gauntlet on their way to the dining room, introducing them right and left to older members and to one another.

This is "better acquainted" week, so designated by the club officials. Thus, every noon, the entertainment committee, the membership committee and other volunteers will be in line to see that men who enter are acquainted with one another. The club has 2,000 members, and over 400 of these have been taken into membership within the last year. It is the intention of the committees that these fellows shall at once get acquainted and become a part of the general membership in spirit and sociability, as well as in name and initiation fee.

## Serves Ten Years in Navy, Now Must Prove Citizenship

After being in the United States navy for almost ten years Gunner's Mate C. F. Yarnell, a native of Pennsylvania, now attached to the Omaha recruiting station, has been asked by Uncle Sam to prove his citizenship.

Yarnell is now eligible under a recent ruling to receive increased pay for re-enlisting, but must prove his citizenship first.

## Model Home is Being Built; Orchard & Wilhelm Furnishers

Omaha's "model home," built primarily neither for home nor commercial use, but for the purpose of demonstrating to prospective home owners, is under course of construction in Minne Lusa. Co-operation between contractor, decorator and furnisher is being carried out to the last word and, when completed, a maid will be placed in charge and the public invited to come and inspect it.

The complete furnishing, from kitchen to bedroom, will be from Orchard-Wilhelm.

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## Nebraska Zionists Elect Officers at Conference

The Nebraska State Zionist league at its annual conference, held Sunday at the Loyal hotel, elected the following officers:

President, Dr. A. Romm, Omaha; first vice president, E. Weinberg, Fremont; second vice president, J. Shapiro, Lincoln; third vice president, Henry Solig, Omaha; secretaries, J. Rieur, Omaha, and Noah Kahn, Fremont; treasurer, Samuel Weinberg, Fremont, and Mrs. S. Robinson, Omaha.

The Zionists have for their prime purpose the restoration of Jewish rights and liberties at Palestine.

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# Influence of Stars Upon Man, Shown in the Pleiades Mystery

By GARRETT P. SERVISS.

I find in the Bible, in the Book of Job, these words: "Gird thou bind the sweet influence of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?" Just what influence does the above have in relation to our planet and the heavenly bodies? L. D. M. Newark.

Putting aside all question in regard to the exact meaning of the original on which this celebrated passage is based, there remains no doubt of the immense and very strange influence that the group of stars called the Pleiades has, from time immemorial, exercised over the human imagination.

There is, perhaps, no other celestial object to which so many mystical significations have been attached, in all times, and in every part of the earth. Always they have been regarded as connected in some dim way with the destinies of man. The savages found on some of the remote Pacific islands by the early navigators knew the Pleiades and had their legends about them, no less than did all the great nations of antiquity. The historical origin of the world-wide cult of these stars remains undiscovered.

Considering their universal fame and the wonderful charm that they have exercised over the minds of so many men, one would expect to find the Pleiades the most conspicuous phenomenon in the heavens, but far from being that, they are not readily noticeable to one who is not accustomed to viewing the sky at night, and a little mist in the air almost entirely obscures them.

How does it happen, then, that so modest a group of small stars has come to outrank all others in reputation, making them, as Miss Clerke has said: "The meeting place in the skies of mythology and science?"

One explanation may be found in their uniqueness of situation and appearance, and their picturesque beauty, as contrasted with the relative faintness of their light. They are associated with the greatest and brightest constellations in the heavens, and they lie close alongside the ecliptic, or annual path of the sun.

Although individually small, their brightest member, Alcyone, being of only the third magnitude, they are crowded together in a space that seems but a handbreadth, and their rays are so intermingled that they produce upon the eye an effect like that of a cluster of gems.

There are also included among them a multitude of stars so minute that the eye cannot separately distinguish them, but which impart to the whole a glimmering phosphores-

cence that is surprisingly beautiful. They are usually spoken of as "the Seven Stars," because there are seven which a keen eye can individually make out, and the group really includes hundreds of twinkling points which a telescope immediately brings into clear view.

Among the many celebrated legends about them is that which everybody has read of as "the Lost Pleiad." This asserts that formerly all seven of the principal members of the group were plainly visible, but that one of them has faded beyond the reach of vision. It seems to be a fact that two of the seven are variable in brightness, but it has never been possible to say, with certainty, which of these is the one referred to in the legend, if indeed, either of them is really the "Lost Pleiad."

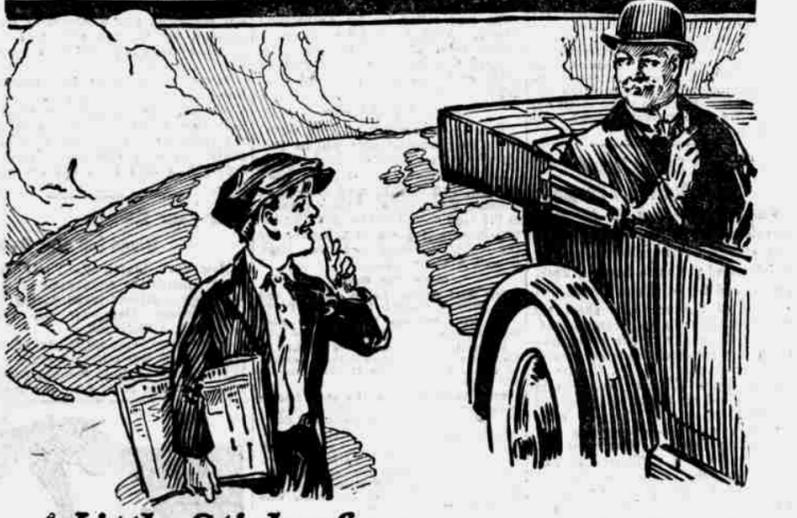
But the most curious fact of all is that quite recently it has been discovered that the Pleiades are enveloped in a mysterious maze of knotted nebulae, comprising hazy clouds, streams and loops of silvery light, which the eye cannot perceive, but which a photographic telescope reveals in astonishing splendor. Some of these nebulous clouds are, indeed, so photographically brilliant that, with long exposure to the plates, the stars are swallowed up and lost in them.

This discovery may have something to do with the phosphorescent appearance of the Pleiades, which has always been noticed, and which has led, in poetic descriptions of them, to such expressions as Tennyson's when he says that the Pleiades "glitter like a swarm of fireflies tangled in a silver braid."

Another remarkable fact about these strange stars is that they are all moving together like a flight of birds migrating toward another quarter of the heavens. This alone is sufficient to show that they are closely related in nature and origin.

To return to the original question, "What influence have the Pleiades in relation to our planet?" it can only be said that science knows of no special relation of that kind. Nearly a hundred years ago it was suggested by the German astronomer, Maedler, that the principal star of the Pleiades, Alcyone, was the center of the starry universe, around which our sun and all the other stars revolved in a vast period of millions of years.

But this idea, which was never generally entertained by astronomers, has been entirely abandoned, and the science of today is unable to point to any star or other object in the heavens which appears to hold a central or controlling position with reference to the universe as a whole. In fact, we do not know where the central point of the universe is, nor exactly where we are situated in it.



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