

Society Notes

March 26
by Mellifica

Is Concerted Action the Secret?

This afternoon one more large card party was added to the list of large successful affairs of that ilk which have been given at the Blackstone this winter, when the members of the Political Equality league of the city of Omaha gave a benefit card party for suffrage. Arrangements for the party were in charge of Mrs. Thomas Brown and Mrs. Mary Dykeman Williams. The latter was instrumental in securing a collection of handsome prizes which were well worth the effort put forth by the guests to obtain them. About 150 made reservations for the card party, tea and interesting program of music and addresses which the woman had arranged.

Philosophizing upon the success of these large card parties—for their success has exceeded that of any other form of entertainment this winter—an excellent and intelligent young woman of your acquaintance and ours said: "It is not the playing of bridge or high five that draws so many women to these large card parties. It is merely the spirit of doing something at the same time that a great many others are doing something which makes these card parties attractive. Concerted action is the secret, just as it is in community singing or playground work."

This is a little thought for the society madame to ponder over. Why does she like to attend these large card parties which are so successful in raising funds for worthy causes? Is it because she is altogether altruistic and merely wishes to contribute to a good cause? Not simply, for in that case she might contribute to the cause outright. Is it that the prizes offered are beyond her power to purchase? No, because the prizes are very simple, although pretty and worth-while. After all, isn't there something fascinating about being among a throng of women who are all carrying on some definite activity at the same time that you are?

It must have been this spirit of concerted action which contributed to the success of the big Franco-Belgian relief card party which was the first of its kind last fall, or the Jewish women's war relief card party not long ago, which was another success, and which instigated the card party of this afternoon in order to secure funds for the suffrage cause.

Lecture Plans Changed.

Madame August Mothe-Borglum announces the postponement of the lecture arranged to be given by Captain Holleaux for members of L'Alliance Francaise next Sunday at the public library, since Captain Holleaux has been called out of town. Another lecture will be given later on, for which members will be notified.

Visitors Center of Gayety.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mikesell and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Terryll, of Eaton, O., and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Blessig of Minneapolis will be the center of much social gayety during this week. Mrs. H. S. Weller gave a delightful luncheon for Mrs. Terryll and Mrs. Blessig at the Blackstone today. After luncheon many of the party, the guests of honor included, played bridge at Mrs. W. M. Miller's home for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian association summer camp for girls. This evening Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell will have their guests with them at the "society night" performance at the Orpheum. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell are giving a hotel dinner for their guests, after which the guests will attend the Qui Vive dancing party at Turpin's Dancing academy, and Saturday evening the Lee Huffa will give a "Dutch" supper for them.

Kuhn Returns This Week-End.

Mr. John A. Kuhn has received a letter confirming the engagement of his daughter, Miss Marion Kuhn, the pretty society girl who surprised all her friends by being wooed and won while on a winter trip to Honolulu in company with her mother, Miss Gertrude Metz and Miss Harriet Mack of Buffalo, N. Y., and announcing their return to Omaha from Los Angeles the latter part of this week. Mrs. Kuhn and Marion stopped over in California while the other young women came home Saturday. Mr. "Peck" Griffin, the man in the case, plans to go to New York for a business trip and will either accompany Mrs. Kuhn and his fiancée or will stop later for a week's visit in Omaha. Miss Harriet Mack will go on to her home in Buffalo tomorrow evening. Her parents will not come east as they planned because of the pressure of Mr. Mack's business.

Wedding Cards.

Cards have been received announcing the approaching marriage of Margery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Callender Snyder, of Washington, D. C., to Mr. David Abner Snyder. The ceremony will take place on the evening of April 10 at St. Stephen's Episcopal church. Miss Snyder was born in Omaha, her father being a member of The Bee's staff for many years prior to his going to Washington, where he still represents this paper. Cards have been received announcing the date of the wedding of Miss Ruth Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rees Gould, to Mr. Warren Harold Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Howard, at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Monday evening, April 9. A reception at the home of the bride's parents will follow the ceremony.

Social Affairs Planned.

Mrs. Clinton Brome will entertain at a birthday party Wednesday afternoon for her little niece, Betty Kennedy, who will be celebrating her fourth anniversary. The Harmon club, which has not been meeting for some time because of illness in the families of members, will resume its parties next Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Robbins will entertain the club. Mrs. Robert Thompson will entertain the members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae association at the monthly luncheon Saturday. Qui Vive dancing club will give a party at Turpin's Dancing academy Friday evening.

Sick Room Notes.

Miss Nellie Wakeley, who is very ill at her home, was reported a trifle better yesterday and was able at times to recognize those about her. Today she is in about the same condition, a

MANAGED SUFFRAGE CARD PARTY AT BLACKSTONE.



Mrs. Thomas Brown
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slight improvement over that at the time of her attack.

Little Barbara Burns has only a light case of scarlet fever, but she and her mother, Mrs. Samuel Burns, will be quarantined for some time still.

Master Cameron Millard, who has had the measles, and his mother, Mrs. Ezra Millard, expect to be released from quarantine tomorrow.

Mrs. William Ramsey, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever for almost three months and suffered a relapse last week, is now improving.

News of the Wayfarers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Agnew, E. E. Rhys, W. J. Moring, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sterri, B. L. Brown, C. J. Bowman, Charles O'Neill Rich, S. J. Paterson and F. W. Smith are among Omahans registered at the Hotel Clark in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. J. Fuller of Las Vegas, Idaho, is spending a few days with relatives, enroute to New York City.

Mr. Carl F. Benjamin left Sunday for Rushville, Neb., where he will remain all week.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Purdy leave Wednesday or Thursday for a visit of ten days or two week with friends in Cincinnati.

Mr. Lewis S. Reed, who has been in the city for a short time, left Saturday for California.

Mrs. Samuel Rees, jr., is entertaining her grandmother, Mrs. McMillan of Norfolk, Neb., who is enroute from an eastern trip.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. Darwin B. Chesney, who underwent an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago at the Swedish Immanuel hospital, has returned to her home and is rapidly recuperating.

Among the Omaha members who attended the Acoth sorority banquet in Lincoln Saturday evening were Mrs. H. L. Rivett and the Misses Anna Snyder and Margaret Lewis. Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members who went to Lincoln for the fraternity formal dancing party were Messrs. Earl Spaulding, Guy Philbrick, Guy Weigand and Lee Lowry. Mr. Robert Stout, who has accepted a position in New York City, leaves Thursday evening for the east. Mr. Stout will be gone for at least a year. Miss Gertrude Stout, who is in her senior year at Mrs. Some's school, is planning to spend her Easter vacation, which begins April 8, at her roommate's home in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Miss Hallie Wilson spent the week-end at her home in Ashland.

Mrs. D. A. Foote and daughter, Miss Mildred, are planning to leave for Pasadena April 8.

Mrs. Albert J. Nebe, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ross Hyde, has returned to her home in Detroit.

Letters Bear Appeal

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The Debutante in All Her Glory



SMOKED gray chiffon swirls over a rose-color satin foundation and makes a frock which looks like an embodiment of sunset on a river. Silver bands outline shoulders and corsage and fall into long slash lines ending in silver tassels. The chiffon floats out from under the arm in a double cascade and fades away like a mist where an old rose velvet flower nestles softly at the front of the corsage.

DESIGNERS have a way of forgetting the debutante, but Sweet-and-Twenty was thought of most kindly in this charming frock. The dress itself is cut with soft, babyish fullness. The trimming is in itself quaint and it is quaintly applied. For the berth, the jumper back which lengthens into a girde and the sash and band at the bottom of the skirt, coarse ecru scrim is used.

Old Glory to Fly From the Highest Spot in the City

President J. Wisler of the West Leavenworth Improvement club states his organization will have Old Glory floating at the highest point in Omaha, which he explains is at the southeast corner of Elmwood park.

An eighty-five-foot steel pole is at the park ready for placing in position. The flag will be 10x16 feet and will be raised this week, probably next Saturday.

"We will have a celebration and will break a bottle of pop when we christen the flag pole," said Commissioner Hummel.

"This flag will be seen as far as Papillion, Elkhorn and other towns," added Mr. Wisler.

E. M. Morsman is Reported To Be Much Improved

Improvement in the condition of Edgar M. Morsman, retired Omaha capitalist, is reported to be so encouraging that two of his sons, Joseph of Chicago and Frank of Omaha, have decided not to go to California, where the elder Mr. Morsman was taken ill. The other sons, Edgar, jr., and Robert, went to California to be with him when first news of his sickness was received. One of them is expected to return to Omaha soon.

Y. W. C. A. Girls Doing Well on Fund.

Miss Clara Brewster, athletic director, reports \$3,300 already secured in

the campaign for \$20,000 to purchase a summer camp for Young Women's Christian association girls. A mass meeting of the 200 girls working to raise funds will be held at the association building tonight at 8 o'clock.

Astrology is Superstition

By GARRETT P. SERVISS.

No, in my opinion it is not possible to read the future by the stars. Those mighty and distant suns were not created to watch over the insignificant destinies of infinitesimal man. But it is the planets, rather than the stars, that the astrologers imagine to have an influence over human affairs.

These planets are simply other worlds, which revolve, like the earth, around the sun. Some, like the moon and Mercury, appear to be barren balls of rock; others, like Jupiter and Saturn, are evidently globes composed mostly of clouds of gas and vapor; still others, like Venus and Mars, may possibly bear inhabitants on their surfaces as the earth does.

Why should any reasonable man or woman suppose that those far-off masses of common matter influence the character, the adventures, the achievements and the crimes of the little creatures that crawl upon this particular globe of ours? The assertion that they do so is a pure play of fancy. There is not the slightest scientific evidence to support it.

Historically, astrology is extremely interesting. It has played a great part in the development of human society. Kings, warriors, statesmen, priests, popes and even astronomers in old times believed in it. Those were the days when real science had not been born, and when the ignorance of nature's simplest facts displayed by the most "learned" men exceeded the innocence of a child.

Astrology is a survival from the age when generals, sent out with armies to save their countries from invasion or destruction, wasted days and lost golden opportunities while awaiting the reports of soothsayers upon the omens derived from the appearance of the entrails of animals slain before an altar or from the direction of the flight of crows.

It was one of astrology's sister "sciences" that kept the Spartans waiting at home for a change of the moon before marching to Marathon, where the fortunes of Greece and of all the western world were to be decided, and which left all the glory of that day to be reaped by Athens and its little ally, Plataea.

The survival of astrology is due principally to the deep-seated love of mystery among mankind. The great agents with which it pretends to deal are located in the sky, which has always been regarded as the abode of

gods and superior powers. In earlier days astronomy possessed no facts about the stars and planets which militated against the astrological idea of their influences.

It was a strange, dark world that astrology and its cognate superstitions reigned over. But there were enlightened minds even then which penetrated the mist. When you read Caesar's personal history of his great campaigns in Gaul, you hear nothing about soothsayers, or the entrails of victims, or the flight of cawing crows. You hear only of sudden and desperate battles, of rapid and unexpected marches, of victory upon victory, and not a moment lost in waiting for auspices. Caesar reformed the calendar, but he had no use for astrology.

On the contrary, those wonderful lights in the sky, some of which were seen to move about with slow and majestic motions, now advancing, now retreating, now drawing close together and shining for a while side by side, as if in fateful consultation, or conspiracy, and now glaring at one another from diametrically opposite quarters of the heavens, like spirits of celestial space watching and perhaps contending over the fates of the helpless beings on the earth beneath them; the menacing color of such a planet as Mars, always associated with blood and disaster; the golden glow of Jupiter, suggesting wealth and good fortune; the quick movements of Mercury, suddenly disappearing from the west only to reappear in the east, and seeming to dog the sun; the marvelous splendor to which Venus periodically attains, now in the evening and now in the morning sky; the constant moon, continually changing its face like a mask, and sometimes eclipsed as by the shadow of a great hand, moving invisibly across the firmament—all these things, before they had been scientifically explained, lent themselves naturally to the notion that they were portents and powers appointed to sway and foretell the fates of men.

And this notion had nothing ridiculous about it in an age when the earth was thought to be the center of the universe, and men were regarded as the constant playthings, pets or victims alternately of a multitude of jealous, man-minded and woman-minded gods and goddesses.

You should no more believe what an astrologer tells you the stars say than you believe what Mother Goose tells you the fairies say, for a soothsaying star or planet is as much a product of the imagination as a fairy.

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