



It is manifest that Lincoln society is preparing for its summer siesta. While there has not been a complete cessation of social entertainments, the past week has witnessed a pronounced diminution of at least indoor parties, and the "season" may be regarded as having closed. The mercury is responding to the calendar. The summer girl, with her jaunty shirt waist and semi-masculine jacket and nobby little sailor hat, likewise the summer beau, with his blushing expanse of pink shirt bosom and his razor-toed yellow shoes, have come to stay until the autumn proclaims the close of their reign. The number of people who expect to go out of town this season is unusually small. A few persons are going abroad, a little handful will go to the seashore, a small contingent may betake themselves to the mountains, but the large majority of the people who are well known in society will remain in Lincoln and trust to the mercy of nature to tempt the heat to the stringency of the financial situation. With some this is a matter of necessity and with others it is choice. The blessing of ample room, the absolution from fashionable dressing, and the invaluable privilege of "lying around loose" are inducements which have decided plenty of families with ample means to do as they please, to stay at home this summer, and—to be comfortable. While society may vegetate, so to speak, during the hot weather, there are indications that it will show forth from time to time such tokens of vitality as may comport with a fervid temperature. It is expected that there will be "porch parties," garden parties, picnics, excursions to the parks, etc. Indeed, several events of this sort have already transpired and there is a substantial promise of more.

The Funke-Burr wedding will occur Tuesday at noon in the First Congregational church.

The *Cultivator*, a new monthly magazine published in Omaha, sends out its first number with a portrait of Prof. F. W. Taylor on the outside cover, and a nice sketch of this well known citizen of Lincoln and authority on the fruit crop on the inside.

The W. E. Cooking club met Saturday afternoon at the residence of Miss Stella Curtice.

Frank C. Zehring left Sunday for New York where he will remain several weeks booking attractions for the Funke Opera house.

Misses Mare and Lyle Hoover spent several days in Omaha this week. They attended the wedding of Miss Mable Stafford which took place Tuesday.

Professor Lees' European party left Saturday. It was composed of the following: G. H. Dern, E. V. Ferrin, R. H. Johnson, R. A. Woods, R. E. Finney, G. F. Fisher, G. H. Hall, W. W. Wilson, W. H. Hayward, and W. J. Rouch, Mrs. F. M. Hurlbut, Mrs. Lees and Miss Tremaine will accompany the party intending to remain in London while the others are doing the continent.

There was a minstrel performance in St. Joe the other evening given by ladies prominent in society. The *Gazette* of St. Joe says of one member of the company, Miss Kate Norman who recently visited in this city the guest of Miss Mae Burr: "A black and yellow phantom skipped to the center of the stage when the orchestra struck up a lively air, and began at once the opening verse of 'Court House in de Sky.' It was Miss Kate Norman. With a great shock of kinky black hair that made her head look as big as a bushel basket and feet that seemed to fairly fly under her nimble form, she entered into

the spirit of the song so enthusiastically that the audience repeatedly burst forth in applause. She gave three encores, and the audience seemed as if it would never tire."

Miss A. Helen Hyatt gave a piano and elocution recital Tuesday at the Conservatory of Music.

The university cadets returned from Beatrice, where they were encamped three days, Saturday evening. The young men enjoyed the somewhat novel experience of being exhibited at so much a head, for one day, the enterprising Beatrice people having conceived the brilliant project of charging an admission fee to the grounds where the batallion was encamped. This however, was soon remedied, and the camp grounds were generally crowded. It is understood that Mr. Dixon played particular havoc with the hearts of the Beatrice maidens.

Frank M. Cook, left for Hillsdale, Mich., several days ago to attend the wedding of his sister. He was accompanied by Miss Helen Harwood who will remain in the east some time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dawes left Monday for Cincinnati.

Frank W. Lewis, of Boston, formerly of this city, is in Lincoln.

Chancellor and Mrs. Canfield entertained the members of the graduating class of the state university Saturday evening.

Miss Mary Miller who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. E. Thompson for some months, left Saturday for Chicago. Friday evening Miss Mae Burr entertained a few friends informally, in her honor.

W. L. McClay was held up Monday evening at 12 o'clock while going from the Columbia National bank to his home. Mr. McClay did not fight. He did not have time.

A public reception was given in the parlors of the Young Women's Christian association Sunday evening.

Professor Owens, of the state university, lately returned from Philadelphia and other points in the east. He will leave the city on his annual vacation shortly, intending to spend his time studying engineering in various places. He will visit Niagara Falls and examine the electrical work now going on there.

Miss Gaylord's appearance as *Serpolette* in "The Chimes of Normandy" this week gave Lincoln people an opportunity to judge of the capabilities of this talented young woman. Miss Gaylord has appeared in operatic performances before, but not in this city; her public appearances in Lincoln having been confined to concerts and choir singing. As *Serpolette* she exhibited a grace of manner and facility that, added to her fine vocalization, made her work very enjoyable. It is understood that Miss Gaylord expects to become an operatic singer some time in the future, and her friends are confident of her success.

Misses Leona Hess and Winifred Miller of Lenark, Ill., are the guests of Mrs. J. T. Mastin, at 1145 E street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Betts were Hastings visitors this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Talbot, Tuesday, a son.

The following party of Omaha people came to Lincoln on Monday afternoon. One of the principal objects of their visit was to witness the presentation of "Lady Wiudermere's Fan" at the Lansing theater. The party did not return until Tuesday afternoon, after having visited a number of places of local interest. The visitors