



The military encampment at Burlington beach came to an end Monday. The encampment did not awaken as much interest, socially, as was expected. It is a long way out to the beach, and there's lots of dust in between, and for the most part the city people stayed in the city, and the soldier boys in camp. Owing to the extreme hot weather and the dust camp life was not particularly pleasant, and it is a fact that the men went home in anything but a happy frame of mind. The encampment wasn't, in any sense, a hilarious success. Society in these waning August days shows some faint signs of looking up a little. There are actually two or three rather large affairs in prospect which are expected to materialize before the opening of the state fair. Now that there is a general acceptance of the fact that there is to be no cessation of the hard times in Nebraska owing to local causes, there is some discussion as to the effect of the continued depression on society. One can only judge of the future by the past. Last winter was in many respects the gayest season Lincoln has seen in several years, and it has been a long time since business conditions were so generally discouraging. Probably there were not so many elegant private receptions and dances; but there was a largely increased activity in the way of clubs and more or less in formal gatherings. Many persons belonged to three or four clubs, and these kept them busily occupied. The coming season will be a repetition of last season in this respect. Clubs will be popular, possibly more popular than ever before. The Patriarchs, Empire and Pleasant Hour clubs will manifest their usual spirit and there is a promise of one or two new dancing clubs. Dancing which last year was so popular that it became almost epidemic, will undoubtedly continue its hold on young and old alike. Everybody will dance, from the promising bud and callow youth to the most mature, and Terpichore will be a constant relief for those who want to get away from business cares.

Frequently there comes from Chicago tales of inebrity among society people, and women especially, that indicate a decided departure from that provincialism that has been supposed to obtain in the lake city. Chicago people are getting on, it would seem. "Saunterer" in *Town Topics* says: "If recent rumors are to be believed, my perspicacious and inordinately wealthy friend, Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, of Dwight, Illinois, ought soon to open a special annex to his famous institute for the reception and treatment of Chicago society women. One of the latest candidates for graduation at the anti-alcoholic academy, I hear, is a famous leader, somewhat florid in complexion, who is generally supposed to be visiting friends in the east, her daughter, an exceptionally charming girl, having been sent on a trip south, while the always faithful husband is the guest of one of the leading hotels while awaiting the return of his spouse at such a time as Dr. Keeley may decide the alcoholic demon to have been effectually cast out of her. When in ordinary health the fair sufferer has been known to boast of her ability to absorb a bottle of whisky in an afternoon, so that if the Dwight worker of miracles should succeed in allaying her thirst he will really have something to be proud of."

C. W. Eckerman, who has for some time past been looking after the business interests of THE COURIER, left this week for his home in Washington, Iowa, where he will remain some time, returning next month to continue his work at the State university. He is succeeded on THE COURIER by Lute Morse, for the past five or six years connected with the business management of the *Call*.

Miss Gertrude Chambers, who has been visiting Miss Lulu Shears, has returned to Omaha.

Miss Bessie Hulett of Omaha has been the guest of Miss Miss

Lulu Shears at the Lincoln hotel.

C. M. Carter of Columbus, Ohio, formerly deputy commissioner of public lands and buildings under the Hon. John Steen, was in the city this week. Mr. Carter enjoyed much popularity during his residence in Lincoln, and his visits are always a source of pleasure to his old time friends.

Fred Loomis, of Omaha, well-known in this city, has connected himself with the advertising department of *The Call*.

I. M. Raymond returned Saturday after an absence of several weeks, spent in Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois.

G. M. Lambertson has returned from the east.

Ben Wheeler, of Omaha, was in town this week.

W. F. Kelley is being generally congratulated on his engagement to Miss McClane, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

The Lansing theater management look to the society people to bestow favor on Mrs. James Brown Potter and Kyrle Bellew, and management will hardly be disappointed. A brilliant house is assured.

A number of Lincoln people will go up to Omaha to see John Drew in "Butterflies" next week.

A. K. Andriano, of Omaha, will spend Sunday in this city.

Mr. Bryan is expected Home from Washington in a few days.

Judge Strode has gone to Hot Springs, S. D.

Will Johnson visited in Omaha this week.

The Pleasant Hour club tendered a complimentary dance to the Empire and the Patriarchs at Burlington beach last evening.

The Misses Lambertson are at the Lincoln hotel.

Miss Nellie White spent Sunday at Grand Island.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Houtz spent Sunday in Omaha the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kelly.

H. R. Corbett, of York, the candidate for the county superintendency, was at the Lindell Sunday.

The most popular new dance is the "Amsterdam," a stately and graceful dance which begins with the minuet movements and then changes to a step not unlike a schottische and gradually ending in a waltz.

E. E. Gillispie returned Tuesday from a trip to California and the Sandwich Islands.

Miss Alice McGuire, of Audubon, Ia., is visiting in this city.

Hon. J. C. Allen, secretary of state, returned Monday from a visit to Illinois. While absent he had the pleasure of seeing real water falling from real clouds.

C. Y. Smith's frequent visits to Omaha have caused many Lincoln young ladies to weep. We may be able to chronicle another engagement sometime in the near future.

Omaha has a great attraction for Mr. Will A. Johnson.

Park Garoutte left Monday for eastern Kansas.