



month of November.

Mrs. W. B. Ogden has returned from an extended visit east.

Miss Margaret Clark and Miss Bertie Clark left Wednesday for New York City where they will remain until next spring.

Miss Sarah Harris left for Chicago Wednesday.

Will Stull is back from a two months trip east, two weeks of which were spent camping in the Maine woods.

A number of Lincoln people went to Omaha yesterday afternoon to attend the Marlowe performance in the evening.

Somebody with a large measure of courage suggests to THE COURIER that a charity ball be given sometime in November, Thanksgiving night, for instance, and asks THE COURIER to advocate the project. A charity ball would certainly be very delightful, and goodness knows there is a great need for charity; but the difficulties in the way of a successful ball of this character are many. In the first place there are the people who always decry the charity ball—the people who say they do not believe in a ball for charity, who say that they will not buy a ticket, but will give their \$5 to charity direct. Of course, they never give the money; but that is what they say. Then there's the fact of hard times staring us in the face. To be sure the poor people need the money that could be raised by a charity ball, but other people besides the poor have felt the effect of hard times and an undertaking involving the expenditure of so trifling a sum as \$5 on the part of a great many people, must be entered into with a good deal of temerity these days. And there is the difficulty about a suitable place to hold the ball and the immense amount of work that somebody would have to do, making all of the arrangements, securing patrons and patronesses, disposing of the tickets, etc.

These are the objections. They are many, but they could be overcome. A charity ball is possible, with all of these things to contend against. Probably the most creditable accomplishment, in a social way, of which Lincoln can boast, was the charity ball given in representative hall, November 27, 1890. The appointments of this great ball were on a magnificent scale, and the ball itself was notably brilliant. It was a success in every particular and is something to be looked back to with pride. This winter it is believed that it would be possible to duplicate all of the success and brilliancy of the ball given in 1890 without the expense that was incurred on that occasion. There is little doubt that the use of representative hall could be secured for this purpose and certain interested parties assure THE COURIER that they know a way to secure decorations, music, etc., so that absolutely nothing would have to be deducted from the sum realized from the sale of tickets. It is said, and the idea seems reasonable, that matters can be so arranged that every dollar paid for tickets would go to the cause of charity—and the ball would be just as brilliant and magnificent as any ever given in Lincoln. Surely there could be no justifiable objection to a charity ball of this sort. Undertaken with this understanding it ought to be a comparatively easy matter to carry the project through. It would be a good thing to have a charity ball this winter, a real charity ball, and if society will manifest any interest in the matter such a ball would be given.

The week has been devoid of activity. There have been few large events, and scarcely anything to occupy the attention of society save preparations for the future. A good deal of planning is going on, and there is an encouraging prospect for the latter part of October and the

The Patriarchs, the most courtly and dignified dancing organization in the city, have organized for the winter season, and plans are now being made for the first dance. The Patriarchs had had a particularly successful career. Being a Patriarch, if it doesn't make one's fortune socially, adds to one's satisfaction, and the members of the organization have the pleasant feeling that their membership has a certain definite value, that it is prized on the outside as well as inside. The standard of the Patriarchs through the varying shifts of society in the last few years has remained unchanged.

The meeting of the Patriarchs for reorganization was held last Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dawes. Considerable concern was displayed in the election of officers, an augury of genuine interest in the organization. Mrs. W. B. Ogden was elected president, Mr. R. O. Phillips, vice-president; Mr. C. A. Hanna, treasurer; Prof. Owens, secretary; with the following executive committee: Mr. Ogden, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Lulu Clark and Mr. S. H. Burnham was chosen master of ceremonies. The first dance will be given at the Lansing October 17.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young—Tuesday—a son.

The Dickens party that was to have been given this week has been postponed for a couple of weeks.

W. J. Kinsley, formerly associated with Professor Croan in the management of the Western Normal College in the city, made his debut this week as managing editor of the *Penman's Journal* of New York.

The audience at the Lansing theatre Thursday night when "Charley's Aunt" was presented, was one of the most fashionable of the season.

The opening of the dancing season again calls attention to the fact that Lincoln is singularly deficient in a suitable hall for select dances. For years this city has felt the need of a first class dancing hall, with a good floor and appropriate surroundings and it would seem that the ownership of such a hall would pay well.

Mr. and Mrs. Beman G. Dawes are expected back from their wedding trip the latter part of next week.

Miss Katharine Weston, of Beatrice, spent Wednesday in this city.

Several additions have been made to the Union Club lately.

"Are you going in Society this winter?" Why is it that people ask this insane question every fall? Nobody ever says "Yes." The answer is always the same. Of course we are not going in Society. We intend to live very quietly this winter owing to hard times, or a sick wife, or a sore toe, or a personal indisposition. We will go out very little. Of course we will go to the theatre whenever there is anything good going on, and, as we like to dance, we will take most of these in, and for diversion, we may go to a few card parties. Weddings and receptions, of course, are a little out of the usual run, and we could not be expected to cut them. We will go in for little informal gatherings, and will make calls, etc., but we will most emphatically, not go in Society. We are not at all inclined to be gay, and much prefer a quiet time. Then we have a great deal of reading and serious work to do. No, we are not going in Society this year.

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