

SOCIAL GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. John Dorgan entertained a few, a very few friends at cards on Tuesday evening.

Several box parties are planned for Monday night when "1492" exhibits at the Lansing.

Born, on December 16, 1895, to Lieut. and Mrs. T. W. Griffith in San Antonio, Texas, a daughter.

George Woods was able to be moved from the sanitarium to his home on Tuesday.

Miss Carson gave a very delightful card party on Monday night in her parents' suite at the Lincoln. The party was small and not especially premeditated, but very elegant. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. John Dorgan, Miss Grace Oakley, Miss Hoover, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Morton Smith, Mr. John Dixon, Mr. Guy Hurlbut, Mr. Mattson Baldwin, Mr. Harry Lansing. The game was hearts and Mrs. Dorgan won one of the royal prizes and Mr. Lew Marshall the other.

Miss Agnes Sewell is going to Columbus, O., soon to visit Captain and Mrs. Dudley.

Many persons will remember the 1492 troupe that played in Lincoln last winter. It was a very good troupe and full of funny things—things one can laugh at without being ashamed of oneself and everybody else. The feature of the performance was "Isabella" the man with Juno's neck features and small taper-fingered hands and a soprano voice besides. The company is said to be even better than last winter.

Lieut. Townley has decided to open a whist class. Such a class ought to be successful. There are so many clubs who play the game here. It would seem as if a uniform method might increase each player's interest. Half the misery in the world is due to misunderstanding. If partners know how to correctly deduce hands from plays satisfaction must result even if the score be 5 to 8 against the knowing pair. The satisfaction of knowing that you did the right thing at the right time defeat can not deprive you of. Therefore I hope Preacher Townley's class meetings will be full of scholars. Whist trains the mind to reason and trains it without straining after toilsome days. It is a recreation that stimulates and strengthens too. Whist, in fact, is a gymnasium for the mind. It is fitted with various apparatus suited to strengthen the weakest mental muscle.

Before the end of the month the Pleasant Hour club will give a party.

The Woman's club met Monday at the conservatory and its members enjoyed the following program:

The Art of Swimming... Mrs. Patrick My Experience Learning to Swim
..... Mrs. C. H. Rudge Costumes for Swimming... Mrs. Imhoff General Talk on Swimming... Mrs. Abel

Mrs. Abel is the swimming teacher at the sanitarium and illustrated her talk on the different kinds of swimming by a chart. The subject was enthusiastically and clearly presented. On every Wednesday morning Mrs. Abel drills the ladies who have been her pupils. Last Wednesday her class numbered eight. They were Mrs. F. B. Righter, Miss Phoebe Elliott, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. C. H. Rudge, Mrs. Austin Humphrey, Mrs. Struck, Mrs. M. H. Everett. The evolutions Mrs. Abel put these ladies through amused them and their audience of a hundred other ladies. The first movement used a good many muscles, but its performance was distinctly comic. The ladies lay on their backs on the water with their hands clasping the railing over their heads, then they all kicked while the teacher counted one, two, one, two, increasing in rapidity until the feet made a white streak in the air and the strokes could not be counted, and the water flew up six feet. Then the class was put through its steps in rapid succession. They swam on their backs with only one hand, with two hands, then with the hands quiet propelled themselves by their feet. Then on the face again with feet, body and arms still they went through the water like ducks. You know how smoothly, swiftly and on top of the water a duck glides? You never think of laughing till you see his feet. Mrs. Abel's class had the fin movement to the life. Mrs. Righter swam with grace and fearlessness and without apparent effort. Mrs.

Rudge dove, swam on the bottom of the tank and turned somersaults as gracefully as a lad. Her costume was a suit of tight fitting black and as she darted and turned in the water with sinuous familiar movements she was the belle of the water party. These are only a few of Mrs. Abel's pupils. Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Beeson, Mrs. Leonard, are some of the best known but there are scores of them. And after a few months instruction they learned to swim as I have described. No account of swimming ladies would be complete without Miss Elliott's name. I think it was her spirit of enthusiasm and enjoyment that started the rest. There is no water feat she cannot perform. If one be languid, peevish or bored, let him take Miss Elliott's medicine of exercise and high enjoyment of life and be cured. The sanitarium is growing too small for its custom. Dr. M. H. Everett never expected to be called to perform more than ten or eleven surgical operations the first year. He performed thirty. At the present time the demand for rooms is greater than the supply. When easier times arrive the building will be enlarged. The architect is working on the plans now. A long hospital ward will be added and more bath rooms. The plan is to have a large court at the back so that there will be a brick wall between patients and the noise of the street. The institution itself is one that Lincoln is justly proud of. The state is beginning to find it out, which is why it appears to be growing small. The waters are as medicinal as that of any baths in the country. Nevertheless some people go away—a prophet, etc.

Miss Henrietta Hollowbush is visiting friends in Worcester, Mass. Her friends here will be glad to know that she has almost recovered from the attack of grippe from which she suffered for two weeks.

W. Walter Abbott, a young composer of this city, is doing some pretty work in his line. Recently he published a set of waltzes called "Leonata Waltzes." They were brought out by Brainard & Sons of Chicago. He has some pretty songs and other selections that have not yet seen the ink of publication.

Miss Joy Webster is the envy of her schoolmates and friends. She spent the holidays in New York city, where she saw Irving and Terry in Thomas A. Becket, and heard Calve and other great singers in concert and opera.

The Laing Bros. give a phonograph concert at the Congregational church on Monday evening of next week. The phonograph renders whistling solos, band pieces, jubilee and vocal solos distinctly. The concert is given for the benefit of the free bed at the hospital.

John T. Dorgan spent Tuesday in Omaha.

Mrs. Quimby, who was the guest of Miss Nance, has returned home.

Recently some boys entered the club house at Meadow Brook farm and did considerable damage. Mr. Baldwin expects to have the damage repaired in a few days.

W. S. Summers was in Topeka the other day on legal business.

Dr. W. H. Slabaugh, a prominent physician of South Omaha, came down to attend the meeting of the Historical society on last Wednesday.

The Beta Theta Pi fraternity is preparing to hold a reunion at the house, 1023 G street, in the near future.

Prof. J. C. Olson of the Chamberlain Commercial college was in Fremont the first of the week.

There was a well conducted initiation at the Delta Fau Delta house on R street on the evening of the 11th. Three men were taken into the fraternity with the usual initiatory ceremony. Otis G. Whipple, George H. Thomas and T. K. Burrows being the initiates.

Clifford Westcott, who made so many friends while attending the university last year, came up from Plattsmouth on Tuesday and made arrangements to enter the university for the remainder of the year.

Miss Ethel Gillespie, of Republican City, is at the university conservatory of music taking a short course on the practice clavier.

The pupils of the Nebraska college of oratory gave a recital in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening. Although these recitals come every month there is always a large attendance. The program was not overly long and was not as interesting as some of the programs have been. Miss Lettie Watson, Miss Lottie Hosford, Miss Ella Crawford,

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