



SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

It is deadly dull in Lincoln—nothing going on except politics and what is politics to society or society to politics? They pass each other on the street with tip-tilted noses. Parties have grown smaller and smaller, and more and more exclusive and at the same time more and more numerous. Mr. Thompson charges just as much for gas in the summer time, but the bills are small even if there be a young lady or two in the house. They sit on the porch—two, four, six, or eight—the number is seldom as high as eight, it is queer how these porch groups avoid the combinations, 3, 5, 7, or 9, the mother and the father with the children old enough to be out of bed and young to be in "Enfants terribles" class sit with their parents, but within range of the interesting life just round the corner of the house. Take a walk any evening in any part of Lincoln and you will see these even number parties on every other porch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yates have returned from a visit to Halsey at West Point. Mrs. Yates is entertaining Mrs. Phillippi of Omaha.

Prof. George E. Church, who is the esteemed friend of all the old residents of Lincoln, was in the city on Wednesday. He is a successful lawyer in Fresno, Cal. He bears the marks of prosperity about him and all the world over a prosperous friend is more welcome than a seedy one. He left for Fresno Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Keating, nee Lillibridge, has gone back to her home in Chicago. Her mother, Mrs. Lillibridge, will join her there soon.

Miss Rinehart will leave next week for her home in Lafayette, Ind. The young people are arranging some farewell parties in her honor.

A camping party composed of Charley Clark, Ed LeRue and Ned Brown have gone to Spirit Lake. They expect to be gone three weeks.

The youthful set, of which Miss Frances Maule is a member, are sending condolences to her at South Dakota Hot Springs, where she was unfortunate enough to sprain her foot while on a mountain climbing expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dorgan have gone to Chicago to visit friends.

F. W. Taylor has gone to Russia. He intends to take photographs of that part of Asia that the czar governs. If the civilized world would remember that Russia is Asiatic it would save itself many expressions of surprise. When traveller Taylor returns he will give stereopticon lectures and exhibit a collection of opals and large glass brilliants second to nothing in the world.

Society athletes feel a certain interest in the tennis tournament to take place next week. The interest is tempered by the fact that tennis is no longer exclusively an aristocratic game. People who care nothing about good form will play it because they like the game. When a sport reaches this stage it is hopeless. The smart set might as well give it up first as last. The committee have arranged to give rackets as prizes, too, when they might just as well have offered something worth while, like silver photograph frames or manicure sets.

George Spencer, who now lives in Atlantic, Ga., was a charter member of the Pleasant Hour club of this city. Mrs. George Spencer is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rice, 713 J street.

Mrs. Plank is in Colorado Springs. She gave a piano recital at a hotel there last week and created much enthusiasm among the musicians present by her playing.

Mrs. Lee Newton, better known in Lincoln when she was Kentucky

Mansfield, and her brother Nat Mansfield, are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. W. Mosher.

D. G. Wing has received a responsible appointment from the republican national committee for the ensuing four months. He will be connected with the financial department. Mr. Wing has obtained leave of absence from the American Exchange National bank and he left yesterday for Chicago.

C. O. Whedon returned Wednesday from Chicago.

C. E. Magoon is in Chicago.

T. L. Lyon is expected back from Minnesota next week.

Miss Huston of Kansas City, who has spent several weeks in this city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brown, returned home Thursday.

Miss Maud Oakley gave a musicale last night. Mrs. Campbell, the Dovey children of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Lippincott and Miss Oakley herself were the singers. The guests are Mesdames F. W. Brown, W. C. Wilson, W. B. Wilson, J. B. Wright, L. W. Marshall, J. White, C. E. Yates, C. S. Lippincott, W. M. Leonard, L. C. Burr, Beeson, Green, Hargreaves, Ladd, Buckstaff, Ladd, Lambertson, Funke, I. M. Raymond, Tilton, Oakley, G. Townley, Stebbins, Sewell, Cheney, Dovey, Sheldon, Dorris, Misses Hoover, Burr, Sewell, Raymond, Latta, Oakley; Messrs. White, Fairfield, Raymond, Silvers, Smith, Tyndale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woods, W. D. Robinson, Miss Rinehart, Miss Mame Carson, Mattson Baldwin and Mr. Grainger spend today, Friday, in Milford. The party drives there early in the morning, and back in the morning. Here's hoping it will not rain.

Mrs. Dovey and her three little girls are visiting Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. Zeis of Boston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Funke. Many Lincoln people will remember the musicale given by Mr. and Mrs. Funke in the spring, at which Mr. Zeis was the principal soloist.

Mrs. Putnam, Miss Putnam and Miss Saunders left for Asbury Park this week.

The Dovey children sing at the Methodist church on Sunday.

WANTED—A LITTLE GIRL.
Where have they gone to—the little girls,
With natural manners and natural curls,
Who love their dollies and like their toys
And talk of something besides the boys?

Little old women in plenty I find,
Mature in manners and old of mind;
Little old flirts who talk of their "beaux,"
And vie with each other in stylish clothes.

Little old belles, who, at nine and ten,
Are sick of pleasure and tired of men;
Weary of travel, of balls, of fun,
And find no new thing under the sun.

Once, in the beautiful long ago,
Some dear little children I used to know;
Girls who were merry as lambs at play,
And laughed and rollicked the livelong day.

They thought not at all of the style of
their clothes,
They never imagined that boys were
"beaux,"
"Other girls' brothers" and "mates" were
they,
Splendid fellows to help them play.

Where have they gone to? If you see
One of them anywhere, send her to me.
I would give a medal of purest gold
To one of these dear little girls of old,
With an innocent heart and an open
Who knows not the meaning of "flirt"
or "style."

—Ells Wheeler Wilcox.

The tennis tournament to be played here next week beginning on Tuesday will be for all players in Lincoln and suburbs. The plan is to hold two tournaments simultaneously, one for adults and the other for boys under eighteen

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