

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Will Hyers, from Plattsmouth, is in the city.

Miss Edith Shedd of Ashland is a guest of Miss Nora Upton this week.

Mrs. Guy Brown left Tuesday for Burlington, Kas., to visit her sister.

Mrs. Frank Brown went to Omaha on Thursday to visit her parents for two weeks.

Miss Helen Nance and mother expect to leave next Wednesday for Hot Springs, S. D.

The W. C. A. met Thursday to talk over some important business to further plans for making money.

Misses Ethel and Alice Dovey returned home Wednesday. It is their intention to go abroad soon for further voice study.

Mrs. A. W. White of Plattsmouth and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Donley of Weeping Water, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Latta.

There are four weddings announced for the fall. One young lady marries and goes to the far distant town of Buenos Ayres.

Such charming young ladies as the Misses Burr, Tokey and Hoover will be welcome additions to the dancing and sailing parties.

Letters from the camping party who have taken the Baum cottage at Lake Okoboji report a delightful outlook for summer gaudies.

The ladies turn double somersaults into the water and perform feats that men have been in the habit of springing on dazzled womankind.

The social afternoon session of St. Paul's church met at the home of Mr. Lahr last Wednesday night. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

A farewell picnic is being planned for Miss Rinehart, to take place Friday at Lincoln park. Will Johnson is the prime mover and everyone expects a good time.

The Lincoln Light Infantry gave a pleasant dance at the lake Monday evening which was largely attended.

Miss Lulu Clark left on Thursday for a visit with relatives in Ohio.

Miss Smith entertained this week at her home on F street. The yard and porch was brightly decorated with lanterns and a gypsy looking tent erected at the rear of the house.

There have been some small porch parties given during these hot evenings and it looks very pretty to the passer-by to see a few tables of cards on a brightly lighted veranda or friends laughing gayly over a watermelon.

Beeman Dawes was in Lincoln the past week transacting business. It is learned with regret that Mr. and Mrs. Dawes expect to make their future home in Newark, O., and not return to this city.

Mrs. Stive of Ord, who has been visiting Mrs. Baldwin, returned home Tuesday. The camping party at Meadowbrook farm, of which Mrs. Stive was one of the most pleasant members will soon disband and return to their Lincoln homes.

Messrs. and Mesdames Raymond, Ladd, Oakley, Wright, Wilson and Yates enjoyed a delightful family picnic Thursday. It was at first thought it would have to be a porch picnic, but later in the afternoon the sun came out brightly and it was decided to eat in the grove in true rural fashion.

Those coming back from the Crete camping grounds say that everyone is sunburned and happy. Mr. Will Clark and Miss Miller of Pine Ridge drove down Thursday to join "the push" and others are expected by train. The dance last week was so successful that another is contemplated for this Saturday evening, then

the young people will return home the following Monday.

Mrs. D. A. Campbell gave a party Tuesday evening for her little guests, Misses Ethel and Alice Dovey. The children were invited from eight to eleven and the time was spent in the game of "Hidden Flowers," disposing of the refreshments and awarding the prizes to the most successful guesser.

The young ladies of the flower mission met Monday with Mrs. Lew Marshall. They are doing a good work and I know are most welcome when they visit the hospitals every Thursday morning with their pretty flowers and bright faces or vice-versa.

The "perquisites" attached to certain positions sometimes amount to more than the wages for the work done. One of the agreeable results that a presidential candidate has to accept is the haunting, hellish presence of brassbands and horns. They come at night like severe pains and the worst storms. They wake up the sleeping children of a whole neighborhood, and the players think their music is injured by the juvenile howls. There are others who like a chorus with a band. In this connection I might say that Mr. Bryan was serenaded on Tuesday night.

On Tuesday it got out that Mrs. Bryan intended going in to the plunge at the Sanitarium on Wednesday. Wednesday morning the plunge was full of swimming ladies and the balcony contained a number of visitors. Besides Mrs. Bryan and Ruth the swimmers were Mesdames C. H. Imhoff, Patrick, Plummer, Waugh and daughter, Harris and daughter, Parker, Humphrey, Higby, Sheldon, Beeson, Green, Haydon, Leonard, Wilson, I. M. Raymond, Misses Elliot, Cox, Nancy and Marjorie Lambertson, Frank and Bailey. Mrs. Ladd and Miss Griffiths and a number of others sat on the balcony and watched the swimming. A St. Louis paper recently gave a picture of Mrs. Bryan swimming in her favorite position. The illustration shows her swimming on one side with one hand stretched over her head, a position which she does not affect at all. Mrs. Bryan is a good swimmer and can dive from the railing and swim under the water without coming up puffing or frightened. If the ship of state strikes a rock while her husband is captain, why all the family can swim.

She Wanted to Know, However.

Amusing Journal: "Now, dear, I have one favor to ask of you."

"It is granted."

"Then please don't tell me that you have never loved before, that you never dreamed that you could love, that I'm the only girl you have been engaged to, that—"

He (interrupting)—"I won't."

She (anxiously)—"But you have never been engaged before, have you, dear?"

An Ancient Alabaster Box.

A curious box was recently found amid the ruins of Pompeii. The box was marble or alabaster, about two inches square and closely sealed. When opened, it was found to be full of pomatum, or grease, hard but very fragrant. The smell resembled somewhat that of roses, but was much more fragrant.

What He Knew.

In announcing for office a Georgia candidate who evidently desires to make his record plain, a newspaper says: "I never was in the war; never hollered at the surrender and never killed anybody that let me alone, and the only thing I know about the financial question is this: I need money."—Atlanta Constitution.

TONGUELESS MAN TALKS.

Pennsylvania Physician Who Retains Speech Despite the Laws of Nature.

Philadelphia Record: A remarkable case of special interest to the medical world exists at Bradford, Pa. The case is that of Dr. B. A. Williams, who, although he recently had his tongue removed, is able to talk. He is unable to tell the nature of his disease, which, he says, was undoubtedly malignant. It was a sort of cancerous growth, and in order to save his life he went to Buffalo, N. Y., and entered a hospital, where he had his entire tongue, left tonsil, left submaxillary and sublingual glands and some cervical lymphatic glands removed. With these gone, according to general belief, speech would be impossible. Yet Dr. Williams can speak and speak quite well. He began to study out the subject of speech and discovered that persons were "right" and "left" in the use of the organs of their throat, just as they are "right" and "left" in the use of their hands.

In this case he was "left" in the use of his mouth and throat muscles, a circumstance that made his condition still more desperate, because some of the organs of the left side had been removed with the tongue. He is inclined to the theory that, while the preferred use of the right instead of the left hand is generally a case of education or choice, the involuntary discrimination that leads one to use a set of mouth or throat muscles or refrain from using both sets is, in most cases, the result of heredity. Examination of peculiarities in their pronunciation of certain letters, wherein Dr. Williams and several of his descendants agreed, but were at variance with most other people, and which peculiarities were in no wise due to defects of vocal organs, led him to form the conclusions above stated. He has finally succeeded in being able to talk. In conversation he never resorts to the pencil. He has been out of the hospital five weeks, and can speak so as to be fairly well understood. The doctor is confident that within a short time his speech will greatly improve.

A MOTHER-OF-PEARL HOUSE.

Built by a Chinese Fisherman Many Years Ago.

Old habitations are to be found all over California, says the San Francisco Call. Sometimes there is good reason for them being odd, but often it is the result of some crank idea. On the beach near Cypress Point, in Monterey county, there is one that cannot come under the first head and hardly under the last. The residence belongs to a Chinese fisherman and is part natural and part the work of his own hands. The natural portion of the house is a small cave in one of the many rocks that stick up all over the beach. The other part is a sort of wooden shed which has been built in front of this opening. The lumber used is of the roughest kind but the esthetic Chinaman overcame this objection by covering the whole outside with abalone shells, the hollow side being turned out. The Chinaman evidently did that many years ago, when the shells were plentiful and had scarcely any market value. Every shell used has been destroyed as one or more nails have been driven through them according to their size. Some of the shells are magnificent in color and enormous in size. There is one at least fifteen inches in diameter, and a duplicate in good condition could not be bought in San Francisco for any price. Most of the larger shells, if they were not punctured with nailholes, would readily sell for from \$3 to \$5 apiece. But that size cannot be had in the market now, and would be difficult to find on the rocks of any part of the coast. The general effect of the house, when the sun strikes it at the proper angle, is dazzling. The polished, pearly surfaces sparkle with astounding brilliancy and flash with all the colors of the rainbow. It is a pleasing and surprising sight and the only pity is that so many beautiful shells were destroyed to produce it.

The same man was elected in Williamsburg, Maine, the other day, without any opposition, to seven different offices.—Ex.

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