

ELEANOR'S LETTER

DEAR PENELOPE:

You know that storm and stress strengthens character. The civil war made fibre in men and women and philosophers say that the character of a generation that is born and grows up in luxury is apt to be feeble. For that reason a beneficent providence has taken care to provide "les miserables" with plenty of adversity. The last four years of anxiety and poverty will make women of giddy girls and men of the gilded youth who never did anything harder than carry a cane.

You know what a lot of girls are working for wage that have always been ladies of leisure? Their business sense has grown with such astonishing rapidity that their fathers and brothers are borrowing money from them and asking advice, which latter they generally do before they accomplish the former. Call to mind the most prominent society girls in Lincoln and reflect upon their occupations, which range from singing in a choir, through photography to newspaper work, and you will admit that it is difficult to find one who is not more or less in business. The time is coming, nay, it now is, when woman, especially young woman, is no longer dependent upon the men folks for the necessities of society. "Me," I find it much more pleasant getting and spending my own money.

Marie Marshall has returned from her visit to Omaha. She says she had a lovely time, that you Omaha people go to any amount of trouble for a guest and count it nothing if she is entertained. The social entente between Lincoln and Omaha is not yet too thick to stir. If I might characterize it without disturbing our own delightful

friendship, I should call it watery. Ice is only given to the young men from Lincoln, who are rarely allowed to gaze on the secluded beauties of Omaha except when the girls come down here.

Frank Zehring used to be invited by the young men of Omaha to their club parties, but he got too popular, so they stopped. I think he is the only young man who has had the honor of receiving hospitality from the metropolis of Nebraska. As for the young ladies who have visited and been parted, driven, theatred and variously feted in Omaha, their name is legion, and they are properly grateful.

Don't think I mean to say that the Omaha men owe the Lincoln men anything—they don't. Just let a Lincoln girl go to a "Pleasant Our" party with an Omaha gent and she will discover before the second two-step is half hopped that "Our" does not include her. The Lincoln beaux revenge themselves in an effective way for her choice in cities by not asking the pleasure, etc. It's a mighty mean way for a lot of men to get even with a girl in her party gown and with great expectations of the evening, is it not? As a result of such tactics Lincoln girls have learned that an Omaha escort is not such a snap as he looks and acts with his roses and carriage and devotion and assorted fascinations.

The Charity Ball given by the Flower Mission girls last night was a brilliant affair. Its success was largely due to Mrs. Lew Marshall, who worked untiringly for weeks before it came off. There are rumors of many parties in the next two weeks, but none of them are definite enough to write about. Till next week then.

ELEANOR.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Try Lincoln Coal Co.'s Rio Grande.

The Junior Sorosis met yesterday with Miss Corbett in the state superintendent's office at the capital.

Mrs. Rudy Rehlander is entertaining her father, Mr. Davis, this week.

W. Q. Bell spent a part of the week in Omaha.

Miss Ruth Mellen left Friday for Factoryville, Mich.

Miss Hattie Cady of Omaha, came to Lincoln for the Flower Mission ball last evening and was the guest of Miss Grace Oakley.

Mrs. J. C. Bell, 1414 O street, hair goods, cosmetics, embroidery silks, the atrical and masquerade wigs, whiskers and mustaches for rent. Use *Toujour's* Jeune face toilet.

Miss Mae Mount of Omaha visited Miss Maud Oakley. She attended the Flower Mission ball last evening.

Messrs. Bert Wheeler, Wing Allen and R. P. Hedlund of Omaha and Arthur Cooley attended the Elower Mission ball at the capitol.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins L. Hooper have issued invitations for the wedding reception of their daughter, Hallie Winifred, to Mr. Frederick William Houtz, on Thursday evening, November 12, at

6:30 o'clock, at their home, on Eighteenth street, between N and M.

Lieut. John Pershing of the Tenth cavalry arrived in Lincoln Monday from Fort Assiniboine, and will be the guest of his sister for a short time.

Leslie Martin of St. Paul, Neb., a former university student, is here visiting friends and his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Young Woman's Christian Association offer a course in physical culture and gymnastics, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium is reserved for this class on Monday nights and all the apparatus and baths are at their disposal.

This year's Lehigh Valley and Scranton hard coal \$8.50 per ton at Charles Gregory's, 11th and O.

Mrs. Don Love gave a luncheon last week in honor of her mother, Mrs. Larabee of Iowa, wife of the famous governor. Among the guests were: Messdames R. A. Holyoke, E. L. Holyoke, Kimball, Lagore, Richards, Munger, Teeters, Johnson, West, Roberts, Baker, Phillips, Barbour, Meisner, Butler.

Miss Florence Farwell delightfully entertained the following young people on *Hallow'een*: Misses Grace Oakley, Henrietta Hollowbush and M. Olive

Latta; Messrs. R. M. Joyce, W. B. Morrison and Homer Honeywell.

Mr. Paul Horbach paid Lincoln a call last week.

The unavoidable postponement of the fancy dress party, to have been given *Hallow'een* night by the Misses Alice Slaughter and Florence Farwell, until this evening, will but heighten the pleasure anticipated by the young people for this occasion.

Miss Charlotte Clark is giving music lessons. Any who wish to inquire into her terms can see Miss Clark at the university or at her home on O and Thirty third streets.

The teacher's class of the Christian Sunday school celebrated on *Hallow'een* with a straw ride over the city. They were dressed in white. After the ride, games and music were enjoyed at the home of Miss Maud Linder, 1440 M street, the remainder of the evening.

The marriage of Eugene B. Sherman to Miss Julia Maud Shaw of Boise City, Idaho; occurred Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Stearns, 1765 D street. The decorations were scarlet and cream. The ceremony was performed by Chancellor MacLean before the mother and sisters of the bride and groom and a few friends. The members of two university fraternities appeared in time to make life interesting to the new married couple until six o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Sherman departed for their future home, Fairfield, Neb. The bride is a charming young lady who attended the university two years ago. She made many friends in this city when she visited her aunt, Mrs. Stearns. The groom is a graduate of the class of '95 and already started in a professional career.

The new Harris hall presented a brilliant scene on Thursday evening, the occasion being a dancing party given by the Misses Clark as a compliment to Miss Burt of Ohio. Piano lamps, screens and other household furnishings, with here and there a graceful palm, lent to the hall a pleasing and artistic effect. The *Courier* office, converted for that evening into a smoking room, was made inviting by oriental rugs and divans. Miss Willoughby's orchestra furnished the music for the sixteen numbers danced. Ice was served from a table at the north end of the hall. Miss Burt was gowned in a white taffeta with pearl ornaments. She carried American beauties. Miss Clark wore a pink striped mouseline de soie over white satin. She carried La France roses. Miss Bertie Clark's gown was white brocade silk, with trimmings of white chiffon and pink roses. She carried American beauty roses. The following people were invited: Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Ogden, Tilton, Heeson, Green, Lambertson, Rector, Guilfoyle, Marshall, Chas. Burr, George Woods, Frank Woods, Kelley, Ladd; Messrs. Joyce, Dr. White, Dr. Lyon, Mason, Baldwin, Haughton, Cooley, Sheldon, Will Clark, C. Y. Smith, Farwell, Ned Brown, Hanna, Welch, Evans; Misses Nance, Burt, Marshall, Slaughter, G. Oakley, M. Oakley, L. Clark, Farwell, Lucy Griffith, Grace Griffith, Hammond, Righter, Brooks, Latta, Houtz, White, Hooper, Hollowbush.

The Matthews Piano Co., with ware rooms in the Telephone building, are exhibiting a magnificent and costly Shaw Grand piano, and they invite all musicians to pay them a visit and at the same time see and hear the new instrument. Some of Lincoln's leading musicians have tested it and have declared that it is the finest piano ever brought to this city.

Sorosis met November 3 with Mrs. Summers, twenty-one members and three visitors attending. Mrs. Field, our invited guest, gave a parliamentary drill. After some general remarks relating to rulings in the United States senate and house of representatives. She confined herself to the subject of

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The magazine will be indispensable to all people who have encyclopedias, as it will be needed to keep these works up to date. To those who do not own encyclopedias it will be doubly valuable as their source of information is more limited. About March of each year the four volumes of current history are bound into one volume, known as the *Annual Cyclopedic Review*. There are now four of these bound volumes covering years 1892-3-4 and 5. The work has for endorsers and subscribers in this city and state such people as Mr. Gere, editor-in-chief of the *Lincoln State Journal*, Hon. Joe Bartley, state treasurer, Hon. W. J. Bryan, Mr. Miller, editor of the *Northwestern Journal of Education*, Hon. H. R. Corbett, state superintendent of public instruction, Dr. R. E. Giffen, Miss Mary L. Jones, acting librarian at the state university whose letter we publish below in full: "Every reading person has felt the need of brief summaries of current topics and events. The daily, weekly and monthly periodicals and papers may furnish data sufficient, but the labor of collecting and digesting it is frequently out of proportion to the result obtained. A most satisfactory summary may be found in the quarterly journal has been of invaluable service to the library covering a field that no other attempts.

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