

Mr. Turpin gave a party for a few friends in Courier hall on Wednesday evening. There was no crush and the evening was cool, and the music good, so the party was greatly enjoyed. His guests were:

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| Messrs.— | Messes— |
| Hutribut, | Laura Houts, |
| Davidson, | Frances Rector, |
| Selden, | Hazelwood, |
| Harmon, | Helen Hoover, |
| Olapp, | Lulu West, |
| E. Sawyer, | and Miss Brister, of |
| Stopher, | St. Joseph, Mo. |
| Messrs.— | Messes— |
| Ostenburg, | Wichens, |
| Syford, | Kedney, |
| Honeywell, | R. Sawyer, |
| Teeters, | W. A. C. Johnson. |

One of the most pleasant social events of the year occurred Saturday, May 7, in the spacious parlors of Mrs. Andrews' home, where the Kensington department entertained the Woman's club of University Place. After a half hour's chat the club was favored with a selection of music from Chopin by Miss Anderson, who gracefully responded to a hearty encore. Miss Jessie Lowe humorously told the ladies "how to cook husbands successfully." Her selection was very amusing, as the name suggests, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A short guessing game occupied the attention of the ladies for a short time, resulting in the first prize being won by Mrs. Bow-luh, while the consolation trophy fell to Mrs. Miller. The ladies were then invited to a copily arranged corner of the reception room where orange ice was served. The decorations of the rooms were flags and apple blossoms. In an adjoining room pineapple sherbet was served from a bank of beautiful flowers with a background of red, white and blue. Strawberries in shredded wheat biscuits was served in a third room, the decorations being the national colors. Music was provided during the serving hour by Misses Love and Anderson and when the time for parting came, the ladies pronounced the affair a perfect success.

- Mrs. Oliver was in Omaha on Tuesday.
- Mrs. Paul Holm was in Omaha on Tuesday.
- Mrs. Cal Thompson went to Chicago on Monday.
- Mrs. John Doane visited friends in Crete this week.
- Hanna's for soda. Cor. 14th and O.
- Mr. and Mrs. Talbot were in Omaha on Wednesday.
- Mrs. Giffen and Miss Cora Parker spent Wednesday in Omaha.
- Dr. E. G. Watson of Friend was visiting in the city last week.
- Misses Josephine and Florence Winfor spent Wednesday in Omaha.
- H. M. Betts, optician, cor. 13th & N.
- Some of the young married people will give a picnic on Monday afternoon.
- Mrs. T. Miltonberger of Salt Lake City is the guest of Mrs. S. S. Whiting.
- Mrs. F. M. Prophet and Miss Ida Dozier are the guests of Mrs. Harry Harley.
- Dentist Hill moved over Miller & Paine
- Miss Wherry of Falls City was the guest of Miss Nelle Holdbrook for a few days this week.
- Mrs. C. H. Rudge, and Mrs. J. C. Seabright will give a reception at the home of the former on June 1.
- Mrs. Beattie Turner sang on Tuesday

evening at the Seward high school commencement.

Mr. George B. Harris of Chicago spent Monday and Tuesday in Lincoln visiting his mother.

Miss Eleanor Raymond sang and Miss May Colson played at the Ashland high school commencement on Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Sheldon of New York is visiting relatives. She came to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. B. F. Burr.

Prof. Caldwell of the university, left on Wednesday for the east. He will spend a part of the summer studying at Harvard.

The Aloha club was very pleasantly entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Longstreet, near Lincoln Normal.

Mrs. J. A. Buckstaff and son, Mr. Frank Buckstaff, were in Omaha on Tuesday. Mr. Buckstaff has received the appointment of guard on the exposition grounds.

Mrs. Langworthy Taylor, Mrs. Ricketts, Mrs. Gere, Mrs. Barbour, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Field and Miss Harris are planning to go to Denver to attend the Biennial meeting of women's clubs which occurs there next month.

Miss Florence Putnam has returned from Utica, N. Y., where she has been attending Mrs. Piatt's school for two years. Her friends will be pleased to know that she expects to remain in Lincoln during the coming year, and may entertain some of her eastern school friends during that time.

Miss Clara Conklin of the state university left on Monday for Indianapolis, Ind., where she will visit for a few days before going to New York. From New York she will sail early in June for Europe. She expects to join Miss Anna Barr, who crossed in April, in Sweden, where she has been studying.

Cruel Fate of the Egrets.

Florida is rapidly losing its flocks of herons. The white egret is being slaughtered into extinction for the sake of the beautiful white feathers on its back, which, when plucked and placed on a flinty-hearted woman's hat, become an egret.

The scale on which the massacre of these beautiful birds is being carried on is almost incredible. An idea of it may be gained from the fact that one egret will furnish only one sixth of an ounce of plumage feathers, and yet at a public sale in London less than a year ago more than 11,000 ounces of osprey plumes were offered for sale. This meant that more than 66,000 egrets had been put to death for the sake of their plumes, that some fair dame might be more gayly decorated.

The most lamentable feature of the slaughter of the beautiful and innocent birds is that the feathers grow at the time when the egrets are nestling and breeding. The best plumes are taken from the upward tuft at the back, which is developed at the breeding season, though feathers are, of course, taken from the wing and breast. They are common to both sexes, and it is impossible to distinguish between the male and female. An egret is shot, the few coveted feathers are torn from its back, its body is left to rot on the ground and the young ones perish of starvation.—Boston Globe.

Y. W. G. A.

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