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The week just passed has been a busy one in Lincoln, and one of pleasure and profit both to the residents and to the strangers within our gates. The season of labor in the rural districts is nearly over, and with the cooler days come thoughts of relaxation and amusement, necessary alike to the mental and physical welfare of both city and country inhabitants. The state fair, which has attracted crowds of pleasure-seekers from all parts of Nebraska, is a natural and healthful form of amusement not without its value from an educational point of view. Interest in the different occupations is stimulated by good-natured competition in preparing exhibits for the annual display, this preparation often beginning many months before the fair week arrives. Friends who have been separated for months meet at the fair; new acquaintances are formed, and plans are made for future meetings, especially this year when the location has been made permanent and next year's exhibition is a certainty. The managers have given great care and attention to details this year, and have been rewarded by the large attendance from the opening day to the close.

The Lincoln and University Place chapters of P. E. O. were entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. O. I. Axtell and Mrs. Mary McKinron at the home of the former, 2520 R street. Mrs. Charles Parmele of Plattsmouth, Mrs. T. W. Bain and her daughter, Miss Clara Danielson, were the guests of honor. Music was furnished by Mrs. O'Neal of University Place and Miss Barnaby. The invited guests were Mesdames Rose, Reese, Myer, Stevens, Jones, Bain, Smith, Robinson, Rehlaender, O'Connell, Jones, Scott, Phillips, Follmer, Stuart, Green, Fordyce, Simpson, Staff, Hager, O'Neal, Hager, Atwood, Agnew, Young, Russell, Shields, Pierson, Cook, Green, McGrew, Matthews, Hickey, Parmele, Ewing; Misses Barnaby, Harold of Plattsmouth, Pillsbury, Le Hew, Le-Hew, Van Boskirk, Johnson, Danielson, Ringer, Stuart, White, Bahlman, Leese, Howland, Smith, Shute, Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Curtice entertained last Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Will O'Shea of New York. The guests enjoyed a musical treat in the form of cornet solos by Mr. O'Shea and vocal solos by Miss Eleanor Raymond. The guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames O'Shea, W. B. Leonard, C. F. Ladd, W. B. Hargreaves, Carl Funke, George Crancer, C. E. mates, R. H. Oakley, S. H. Burnham, F. M. Hall, C. G. Crittenden, L. C. Burr, Lewis Marshall, W. G. Morrison, F. W. Brown, Porter, W. C. Wilson, Fred Houtz, D. D. Muir; Mesdames Ashton of Grand Island, Fitzgerald, Edward Fitzgerald, T. W. Griffith, Will Maxwell; Misses Burr, Carson, Raymond, Gahan, Mount of Omaha; Messrs. Eames, Wehn, Yates, Frank Brown, Raymond.

At a meeting of the state library commission on Thursday evening, Miss Edna Bullock was elected secretary of the commission, with the request to report for duty not later than October. Miss Bullock is a member of the state university class of '89 and of the library school at Albany, N. Y. class of '95. She has been connected with the John Crerar library in Chicago, the public library in Helena, Montana, the state library at Des

Moines, Iowa, and at present is doing special work in the state library at Olympia, Washington. Her appointment to the position in Nebraska will be a source of gratification to her Lincoln friends.

The marriage of Miss Mabel E. Phelps of Beaver City and Mr. Frank Arnold Shilling of St. Joseph, Mo., took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. G. Burruss, Wednesday noon. Miss Lois Burruss served as bridesmaid, and Mr. John Clarke of Omaha was best man. Vocal and instrumental solos were rendered by Miss Bess Burruss. Mr. and Mrs. Shilling will reside in Holdrege.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Ladd gave an informal porch party on Wednesday evening to meet Dr. and Mrs. Watson of Friend and as a farewell to Judge and Mrs. Frank Irvine. Punch was served and an unique guessing contest furnished the entertainment, in which prizes were won by Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Crittenden.

Mr. J. E. Butler, organist at Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, visited in Lincoln Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday afternoon he played a short program to a few invited guests at the First Congregational Church. Mr. Butler will soon remove to the Pacific coast, and an effort will be made to secure him for an evening recital in this city in the near future.

The attention of parents is called to the lectures of Prof. Davis and Dr. Andrews, to be given in the High School assembly room next week. These lectures will be of much value and interest to patrons and it is hoped a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear them. There will be no charge for admission.

Miss Stella N. Loughridge started Thursday morning for Caesarea, Turkey, where she will engage in work for the American board of foreign missions. She was accompanied as far as Burlington, Iowa, by her mother, Mrs. Julia Loughridge.

Mr. Will M. Maupin has moved with his family to Lincoln from Omaha, and will be a member of "The Commoner" staff. Mr. Maupin is president of the Nebraska Press Association, and for five years has been connected with the Omaha World-Herald.

Married, on Tuesday, at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Agnes S. Merryman, daughter of Dr. T. J. Merryman, and Reverend Lyman M. Denton, pastor of the East Lincoln Baptist church.

Miss Jennie Barber returned from Holdrege last Friday accompanied by Miss Mabel Johnson, who visited Miss Barber and Miss Mabel Hayes until Wednesday.

Mrs. Julia M. Mack of Chicago announces the marriage of her daughter, Ida Emeline, to Professor Grove Ettinger Barber, of the state university, on Tuesday, September third.

Mr. Charles Steckelberg, who has been visiting his parents in this city, left last Saturday for Chicago, where he will continue the study of music.

Mrs. R. T. Van Brunt visited in Beatrice this week.

Mrs. F. A. Harrison is visiting in Pawnee City.