

# SOCIETY NOTES

## LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

The season of sackcloth and ashes has been ushered in, and society will be demure for a time, though by no means idle. A few of the ultra devout, of those who are worn almost to the bone with frivolities and wish to rest, will isolate themselves, but the throng will go on entertaining, in a small and quiet way perhaps, but the small and quiet ways are frequently the most charming. The aristocratic violet with its refined odor will be more appropriate for decorations than the gorgeous rose, which flaunts its gay color with such assurance all year. With the violets goes well the gray gown, the lovely gray, which is equally becoming to the rosy checked maid or the gray haired matron. Black, too, is en vogue at present and so very effective. In descriptions of gowns worn at functions in the east many black ones are noted. At a swell wedding last week in Philadelphia, the mother and two sisters of the bride wore gowns of black velvet, and the third sister wore gray. At a meeting of the Matinee Musicale on Monday several handsome matrons who appeared on the program were gowned in black with touches of white, and in the audience were many black costumes, noticeably one with which was worn a love of a black silk coat with revers of ermine, and a black hat with drooping plumes. Apropos of Lent and music—the latter is as appropriate with the former as are gray gowns and violets, and several musicales are planned for the penitential season. Too bad that Cupid must flourish his red hearts so conspicuously yesterday, but Saint Valentine's day belongs to him and the saucy fellow must rule for once.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lionel C. Burr and Miss Burr gave a brilliant reception and dance Saturday evening at Walsh hall in honor of their guests. Miss Doyle and Miss McDonald, of St. Joseph, Missouri, two charming young ladies, by the way. Mrs. Burr received her guests in an exquisite gray silk gown with pink garnitures; Miss Burr wore pink mousseline de soie embroidered with black and trimmed with black lace; Miss Doyle wore a lovely pink silk crepe trimmed with real lace, and Miss McDonald appeared in a most beautiful white gown trimmed as fashion at present decrees with billows of lace. The decorations throughout were in pink. Roses were in the receiving room. The dancing hall was adorned with many palms, blooming plants, and roses. In the dining room a centre piece of pink roses was on the table and silver sticks bore candles with flower shaped pink silk shades. The chandelier was festooned with smilax and roses. Punch was served all evening in the dancing hall, and supper was served in the dining room. Mrs. Burr and Miss Burr were assisted by Mesdames W. E. Jakeway, H. B. Tomson, Lewis Marshall, W. G. Morrison, E. E. Henkle, Ross Curtice; Misses Hoover and Gahan. The assisting ladies were all handsomely gowned, and rarely are so many beautiful costumes seen at a party as were noticed among the guests, many new frocks being worn. Besides the guests of honor there were present from out of town Miss Smith, Miss Cady and Messieurs Heath, Towle, Tukey, Cotton and Clark from Omaha, and Mr. Meadows from St. Joseph.

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Every now and then a plaint is heard from some hostess who is giving a series of parties, the burden of which is this: She has arranged her lists and sent out her invitations for two, three, or four functions, when presently her telephone rings and Mrs.

B. says, "I hate awfully to ask it, but Mr. B. will be out of town Tuesday evening, and we can not accept your invitation; would it be convenient for us to come Wednesday evening instead? Another says we have an engagement for Tuesday evening; can we come Wednesday evening just as well? Another will give a dinner on Thursday evening; can not she and her husband go on Tuesday or Wednesday? And so on, until the end of the chapter, and the poor hostess, who, of course, has smilingly complied with all these requests, (what else can she do?) is so bewildered that she has no idea whom her guests will be at any party. One hostess who gave a series some time ago said that at one time she thought her whole long list of friends would appear on one evening, so many had asked for changes. This causes no end of inconvenience, and no matter how anxious one is to attend a party at a certain home, one should send regrets if unable to attend on the date for which one is asked. Not one alone, but many hostesses have referred to this annoying habit which has become general in Lincoln.



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Some of the clergymen of this and other cities request the ladies in their congregations to remove their chapeaux during the service, and the ladies, most of them obligingly acquiesce. In a theatre, where every movement of the actors must be seen, it is necessary that the view be not obstructed. In a church it does not so much matter. True it is helpful to a listener to see the face of a speaker, but an occasional flower or nodding plume on a hat in front, does not distract the thoughts as much as do the numerous pins which must be withdrawn and re-located, and the trouble of holding one's hat. "Long hair is a glory to woman," but it is easily wind tossed and disarranged, and in the "garish luge of day" 'tis easily seen. Under these conditions not many women can sufficiently forget themselves to engage in their devotions with the proper spirit. If the hats must come off let the churches, like the theatres, provide dressing rooms where hats can be left and coiffures arranged before the service begins, then can women forget themselves in the enticements of eloquent sermons, good music, and the hallowed atmosphere of the sanctuary.

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The Misses Enslow gave a delightful Valentine party last evening at their home, Twenty-seventh and Garfield streets. The decorations were red and white. Carnations adorned the drawing room. On the wall was hung a red curtain and on it were pinned white

objects which were targets for arrows which were shot by the guests. The objects struck by the arrows revealed fortunes, for instance, if an arrow pierced a broken heart it meant a broken engagement; if a pair of robins, you will wed in the springtime; if Cupid, too many lovers, and so forth. Refreshments were served in the dining room which was decorated with red hearts. A large heart was suspended over the table and from it red ribbons extended to the corners where they were caught by clusters of small hearts. A heart shaped basket in the center of the table held red hearts on which were the names of the ladies, the men drew these hearts by the ribbons attached and thus secured partners for refreshments. The sandwiches, ice cream and other viands were heart shaped. The guests were Misses Edith Crocker, Gertrude Ewing, Ada Waugh, Helen Torbitt, Mamie McLee, Charlotte Enslow, Leona Pollard, Jennie Beerup, Minnie Beerup, May Prescott, Maude Ewing, Madge Hill, Madge Bushard, Bertha Reynolds, Florence Prescott, Jessie Duncan, Bertha Youngblut, Floy Morrow; Messrs. Ferguson, Kyle, Beckman, O'Shea, Pollard, Hill, Brown, Rose, Roberts, Enslow, Yarwood, Jenkins, Duncan, Brigham, Prescott, Enslow, Ewing, Youngblut.

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The Patriarchs gave their annual banquet Saturday evening in the ordinary, at the Lincoln hotel. The table was pretty indeed. It was lighted by forty red candles in brass candlesticks and candleabra, and twined in and out between the candles were delicate feathery fern vines. The handsome evening gowns worn by the ladies added to the pleasing effect. Mr. F. M. Hall presided as toastmaster and in a witty way introduced the following subjects and speakers: "The Patriarchs," Mr. I. M. Raymond; Mr. Raymond spoke first of the Patriarchs of the Bible saying that he himself must be one of them, because his name is Isaac. In speaking of the Patriarchs of Lincoln, Mr. Raymond paid a fitting compliment to the ability and tact of the president, Mrs. C. E. Yates, who is serving her second term. Mr. W. F. Kelley spoke on "City Politics"; Mr. C. H. Morrill, "The Federal Brigade"; Mrs. W. G. Langworthy Taylor, "Carnival Chimes."

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Mr. Herbert States was initiated into the mysteries and joys of Phi Kappa Psi Saturday evening. After the ceremony a sumptuous banquet was served in the dining room of the chapter house. A profusion of roses, carnations and ferns adorned the table. Numerous pretty gifts sent by members of the sororities proved the popularity of the Phi Psis. Mr. F. M. De-weese presided as toastmaster. The program of toasts was: "The Growth of Phi Kappa Psi in Nebraska," Mr. W. R. Heartt; "Recollections of Fraternity Life," Professor Archibald Haecker; "Life in the Frat House," Mr. Louis Korsmeyer; "Phi Kappa Psi in the University," Mr. A. J. Ledwith. The initiate, Mr. States, was asked to respond to a toast but he had not sufficiently recovered from the agitation caused by being inducted into the fraternity to do credit to his new relations, and he begged that his speech be postponed.

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The junior "prom" at the state university was a great attraction for many of Omaha's young people last week. Among those who went to Lincoln Friday and remained until Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kountze, Miss Cotton, Miss Richardson, Miss Spurgin, Miss Curtis, Miss Edith Smith, Mr. Hascall, Mr. Tukey, Mr. Creigh, Mr. Millard, Mr. Paxton, Mr. Heath and Mr. Cotton.

Miss Smith and Miss Spurgin were guests of Mrs. Thompson and remained for the dance given by Miss Burr Saturday evening—World-Herald, February 9.

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Mrs. Nathaniel Sylvester Harwood has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Helen Cook Har-

wood to Mr. Clarence Melville Chase, to be celebrated February the twenty-fifth at the family home. Miss Harwood is one of Lincoln's most attractive young ladies who will be greatly missed from the capital city. Mr. Chase is a son of the director of the conservatory of music at Hillsdale, Michigan, and is himself a pianist of note in Boston. Mr. Chase and his bride will go to Germany immediately after their marriage where they will remain until the autumn when they will return to the states and will reside in Boston.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harpham entertained the members of the J. O. C. card club and a few other guests Monday evening for Miss Horan. Club members present were Messieurs and Mesdames L. W. Garoutte, L. P. Sine, C. C. Quiggle, S. S. Whiting, W. J. Turner, H. M. Casebeer, J. E. Hutchins, G. E. Hibner, J. L. Kellogg, C. J. Guenzel; others present: Messieurs and Mesdames W. L. Dayton, E. W. Nelson, M. W. Folsom, H. T. Folsom, Clinton R. Lee, T. J. Usher, Ralph E. Johnson, H. H. Harley, F. B. Harris, C. H. Rudge, C. D. Traphagen, H. B. Ward, C. D. Gibbs.

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Many pleasant informal parties are being given for the visiting young ladies who are the guests of Lincoln hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Morrison gave a supper Sunday evening in their honor and Mrs. Homer Honeywell entertained them this afternoon. On Tuesday Mrs. Ross Curtice gave a small kensington at which some of those present were Miss Burr and her two guests, Miss McDonald and Miss Doyle; Mrs. Levering and her guest, Miss Hammer; Mrs. Branch and her guest, Miss Wakefield; Miss Putnam and Miss Truax; Mrs. George Woods and Miss Rinehart.

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In compliment to one of their members, Miss Eleanor Raymond, who was a star in the Chimes of Normandy Tuesday evening, the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity gave a theatre party to witness the production. Those of the party were Misses Margaret Whedon, Elizabeth Cunningham, Ellen Gere, Mariel Gere, Houtz, Locke, Adelloyd Whiting, Stevens, Helen Wilson, Louise Hargreaves, Ruth Raymond, Richards, Hargreaves, Outcalt, Nancy Cunningham, Claire Funke, Dorothy Griggs.

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The W. T. M. met Wednesday with Mrs. Mickey, 3033 O street. Quotations from Thomas Mackay were given after which the afternoon was devoted to sociability and a delicious three course luncheon. The next regular meeting will occur on the twenty-seventh at the home of Mrs. Lane, Twenty-sixth and S streets. Quotations will be from James Russell Lowell. On the evening of March first the club will give a hard times party at the home of Mrs. Hess, Twenty-sixth and Vine streets.

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A happy surprise was perpetrated last Friday evening on Miss Lela McKinney at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney, 722 North Sixteenth street. Cards and dancing filled the hours with pleasure. Those present were Misses A. Morrissey, Agness Morrissey, M. Cunningham, H. Slade, A. Kegan, Marguerite Boynton, M. Keegan; L. Carlson, F. McGeer, W. Gettle, A. Brown, W. Burton, C. Myers, S. Boynton.

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About thirty young men from the high school and business offices have organized a fraternity which they have dubbed "The Royal Order of Wolves." They have fitted up pleasant apartments in a business block where they can spend their leisure hours pleasantly and where they can entertain their friends. They will give a series of parties soon.

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Mrs. Georgia Bell and Miss Curtiss entertained the E. E. D. kensington Wednesday afternoon. All of the members and a few guests were present. A yellow luncheon was served in two courses.