

who survive for another year that it not only pays to be decent and to do the right thing, but that they must do it. The fusionists had a chance to rectify some republican blunders in the matter of nominations, but the prayers of Rev. F. L. Wharton in their behalf, that they might see the light, do not appear to have had any effect.

There is nothing to throw doubt upon the declaration that the entire republican ticket will be elected. The uprising of interested citizens has accomplished the greater part of its labors. It has smashed the combination in the council, and in the next year at least we will have a full, fair and free discussion of city matters with the knowledge that in most instances the result has not been predetermined at a secret meeting of a majority. It will, of course, be impossible to prevent little jobs and games being sprung, but the council will scarcely dare, with the lessons of the republican and democratic primaries staring them in the face, to do anything that is likely to meet with general condemnation. An independent telephone system in Lincoln is pretty certain to follow and the other public service corporations will be held to closer construction of their rights and contracts. The courageous democrats who violated all precedent and rose in convention to condemn the recreant members of their own party are justly entitled to the thanks of the people generally.

Closely linked to the fate of Governor Savage is that of Attorney General Prout. They have been bosom companions ever since the governor succeeded Dietrich. Mr. Prout has been Savage's chief campaign and legal adviser throughout. Scarcely a step of importance is taken by the governor, it is said, without the advice of General Prout.

When the governor was groping about in doubt and darkness, uncertain as to whether or not he should appoint a fire and police commission for Omaha, the question was referred to the attorney general's office. Although Norris Brown prepared an opinion, lucid and complete, the governor awaited the return of the chief. Prout's opinion coincided in every detail with that of his deputy and on this the governor acted.

To General Prout, Oil Inspector Hays owes a debt of gratitude for his success over J. M. O'Neal. It was also due largely to the recommendation of Mr. Prout, so it is rumored, that Frank Alderman was unceremoniously removed as deputy oil inspector and Fred Sonnenschien appointed to succeed him. When Mr. Rosewater suddenly ceased his attacks on the governor because of the Bartley pardon, the shrewd politicians said that Prout was the power that bore the torch to Mr. Rosewater and caused him to see a new light.

The plan is said to be to bring Gage county into the state convention for Savage through the instrumentality of Attorney General Prout and Postmaster Edgar of Beatrice, with a possibility of Douglas county through the acquiescence of Mr. Rosewater. But the same powers that are attempting the defeat of Governor Savage have more big game in view and it is a recognized fact that Prout is also on the same slate for retirement. These men argue that his nomination two years ago was the result chiefly of necessity. It was a fight then largely against Rosewater. The Omaha editor had come to Lincoln with the avowed intention of beating Senator Thurston as a delegate to the national convention, and he all but did it. This left the state delegates in no friendly mood toward Douglas, and when it offered a candidate for attorney general the opportunity to administer a rebuke was seized and Prout nominated.

Every county in the state is being sounded and the first lines are being drawn. It is almost a certainty that as Governor Savage goes so will Attorney General Prout go. If the former is victorious, the latter will also win. If the former fails of renomination, the same deadly powers will chant a requiem over the political grave of the latter with pleasure.

SOCIETY NOTES

LIFE'S MAZY WHIRL

These be the times that try men's souls, especially women's—women who write society news. They cry news, news, when there is no news, and wear themselves out searching for something when there is little of interest to be found. Positively the only gaiety of the week was a number of affairs, small but delightful, given for Mrs. Le Gore's three guests, and more of the same sort will be

Scene from Carmen, Act II, Bizet; Carmen, Mrs. Edward Lewis Baker; Mercedes, Miss Herrick; Irasquita, Mrs. Hart.

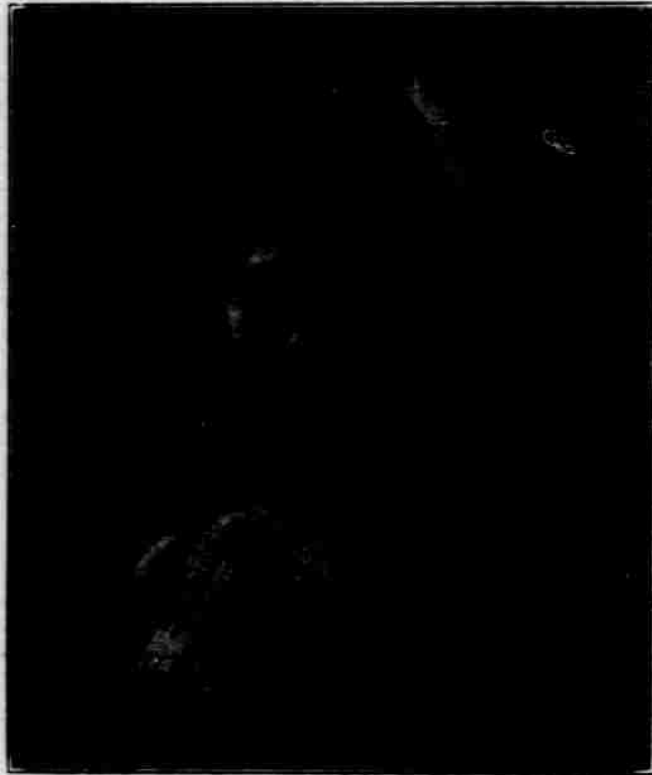
Piano quartet—Gypsy Rondo, Haydn.

Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spurck, in Belmont, was celebrated the marriage of Miss Jessie Benton Spurck to Judge Wilmer

tions delicate refreshments were served. The bride is a member of the class of '97 of the state university and since her graduation she has been a successful teacher in the public schools of Lincoln. The groom has held the office of police judge for four years to the entire satisfaction of all. Upon his retirement from that office this spring he will become a member of the law firm of Rose and Comstock. Judge and Mrs. Comstock left on the ten o'clock train for St. Louis. Thoughtful friends supplied their trunks with an abundance of rice. They will spend their honeymoon in the south and upon their return will reside at Seventeenth and K streets.

Miss Edna Baker celebrated her fifteenth birthday with a chafing dish supper Thursday evening. The table was prettily decorated in green and white, and lighted by candles and silver candelabra. The young hostess presided at the chafing dish and Miss Helen Berger poured chocolate. Dinah and Topsy, their black faces gleaming with pleasure, waited upon the company. The birthday cake contained a thimble, a ring and a coin. Miss Louise Hoover secured the thimble, Miss Berger the ring, and Miss Ethel Burkett the coin. After dinner the young ladies danced the Virginia reel and a Spanish fortune teller read their palms. Guests were Misses Fanchon Hooper, Marie caide, Louise shrdleutaohrdluetaointa Talbot, Mary Miner, Gertrude Kincaide, Louise Hoover, Helen Berger, Ethel Burkett, Lila LeGore, Grace White

On Wednesday evening, in compliment to their three attractive guests, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Le Gore gave a beautifully appointed violet dinner. One long, and three small tables were used. In the centre of each table was a basket filled with bunches of violets, with a bow of violet ribbon on the handle. Violets in water colors were on the place cards. The cards were attached by violet ribbons to the boutonnières in the basket and at the close of the repast the guests secured the flowers. Two little violet baskets, one holding salted almonds, the other confections, were at each plate. The menu was served in eight courses. Twenty-four guests were present.



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given next week. Many pleasant little affairs are given during Lent which never find their way into the society columns. One lady said to another the other day: "I gave a party this week, but I don't want it mentioned in any paper; you know this is Lent." Her friend replied, "I suppose the Lord will not find out that you gave it if it is not in the paper."

Ping pong is raging, clubs are being organized, those who have acquired sufficient skill to entitle them to be called "pongists" are envied by the less skillful. Tournaments have been held in England, and a book, "Ping Pong, the Game and How to Play It," by Arnold Parker, an eminent English pongist, will soon appear. Notwithstanding all this, the game is being superseded in New York by squash, and squash courts are said to be multiplying everywhere in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller will give a dinner this evening when their guests will be the faculty of the high school, and the members of the senior class of which Mr. Jack Miller, son of the host and hostess is a member. At half after eight o'clock the following musical program will be presented:

Piano quartet—Hungarian Dances, Brahms; (a) G minor, (b) D major, May Belle Hagenow, August Hagenow, Emma Hagenow, Charles Hagenow.

Gypsy songs—(a) "The Fugitive," Moravian; (b) "Speed Thee, Birdie," (c) "Forsaken," (d) "The Pledge of Love," Miss Cora Herrick, Mrs. C. S. Hart, Miss Anna Caldwell, Miss Charlotte Hullhorst.

Piano solo—Ungarisch, Heinrich Stiehl; May Belle Hagenow.

String quartet—(a) A la Hongroise, Schubert; (b) Gypsy's Evening Song, A. Hagenow.

Violin solo—Hungarian Rhapsodie, Hauser; August Hagenow.

B. Comstock. Rev. Fletcher L. Wharton of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church read the service in the presence of relatives and one or two intimate friends. Miss Spurck was married in her traveling gown, a handsome tailor made broadcloth. After congratula-

Governor and Mrs. Savage went to Omaha Monday to attend a dinner given to celebrate the birthday of Colonel E. E. Bryson, at his home in that city. Members of the governor's staff who reside in Lincoln and Omaha, with their wives, were the guests.



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