

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

THE COURIER'S social columns this week, and the knowledge of many coming social events, testify to the truth of what was stated a week ago, viz, that notwithstanding the business depression, society is more active than it has been for several years.

From now until the new year is ushered in the members of the gay circle will have much to engross their attention, and no one can send up the plaint, "There's nothing going on."

One would think from the social activity that the reports of dullness in business cannot be accepted as fact; but whether business is good or bad, we must have some amusement. Moreover, Lincoln's social entertainments, while they are almost invariably enjoyable, are comparatively inexpensive.

Sorosis.

The usual fortnightly meeting of Sorosis was held with Mrs. W. S. Summers on Monday, December 11. The subject for the afternoon was "Dr. Arnold of Rugby," led by Mrs. E. R. Guthrie, who gave an interesting prologue, dwelling on the life and works of this distinguished son of a distinguished father—Dr. Arnold's biography was reviewed by Mrs. Holyoke. He was born in the Isle of Wight in 1795, and lived only forty-seven years. As a child he was exceedingly studious and fond of history. After finishing in the common schools he was sent to Oxford, where he made special progress. After graduating he was ordained a deacon, and spent his time in preparing young students for the ministry while he wrote a history of Rome and several other books. About this time the head mastership of Rugby was vacant, and he applied for the position, which was awarded to him over many applicants. He was very successful here, winning the love of his scholars and the encomium of England's greatest school master. Here he died at an early age, full of honors. Mrs. Barbour sketched student life at Rugby before and during the time of the Arnolds, and read from "Tom Brown at Rugby," the impression formed by this great man upon his pupils.

Mrs. Guthrie treated of Mathew Arnold's biography. He was born in 1825 and died in 1888. He was a man who had been one of England's greatest scholars and critics, and whose work for and among the middle classes was productive of much lasting good. He was a poet of no small value, a politician of strong conviction and purpose, a critic widely known and a man whose influence will be felt in after years. His visits to America did not endear him to Americans, for whom he did not have the greatest admiration. He died of heart disease while visiting his sister, and his loss was felt throughout the literary world.

Mrs. Wheeler reviewed Mathew Arnold's essay on "Culture and Anarchy;" Mrs. Miller the religious subjects, literature and dogma; Mrs. Summers took the political ones, democracy, equality, Irish Catholicism and English liberalism and the literary ones treating of the "Guide to English Literature, Goethe and George Sand." The time was too short to discuss Mathew Arnold as a poet and critic; but the subject was one of pleasure and profit and was left with reluctance.

The next meeting of Sorosis will be held Dec. 28 at the home of Mrs. T. H. McJahay, at which time Miss Sarah Harris will discuss "Art at the World's Fair."

Entertained the Bankers.

Mr. John B. Wright, president of the Columbia national bank, entertained the officers of the Lincoln banks at dinner Saturday evening at his residence. It was a notable gathering of congenial spirits, and the hospitality of Mr. Wright, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Wright, made the occasion particularly enjoyable. The guests sat down to a very elaborate dinner at 7:15 and it was 'way past nine when the cigars were passed. The remainder of the evening was passed at cards. Those present were: Mr. I. M. Raymond, president of the American Exchange National bank; Mr. E. E. Brown, vice president of the Union Savings bank; Mr. E. E. Moore, president of the Union Savings bank; Mr. C. H. Imhoff, cashier of the Union Savings bank; Mr. C. A. Hanna, vice president of the First National bank; Mr. Frank M. Croke, cashier of the First National bank; Mr. Charles E. Waite, cashier of the German National bank; Mr. S. H. Burnham, cashier of the American Exchange National bank; Mr. D. E. Thompson, vice president of the American Exchange National bank; Mr. J. H. McClay, cashier of the Columbia National bank; Mr. F. E. Johnson, and Messrs. J. E. Hill, H. P. Lau, E. R. Sizer, directors of the Columbia National bank; Mr. Will Stull, president of the Industrial Savings bank; Mr. R. D. Miller, treasurer of the Lincoln Savings bank; Mr. William Fullerton, vice president of the Merchants bank; Mr. J. D. McFarland, ex-president of the First National bank; Mr. R. A. Perry, and Mr. C. E. Yates.

Farmers Club Meeting.

A meeting of the southern division of the Lancaster county Farmer's club was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs.

Bixby, Thursday of last week with a full attendance. The meeting was called to order by the vice president Mrs. Greenmeyer and the minutes of the last meeting were read. All those present then joined in singing "America" which was followed by the roll call with responses and instrumental music by Miss Daisy Greenmeyer and a recitation by Miss Nellie Liories. The subject of "How to care for hogs during the winter," was then discussed and followed by the election of officers for the year of '94 as follows: President, Mr. Chambers, vice-president, Mrs. J. Watson; secretary, Miss Jean Watson; treasurer, Miss Daisy Greenmeyer. The meeting then adjourned to meet January 4 with Mr. A. Roberts.

Promenade Concert.

Representative hall was brilliantly illuminated Thursday evening for the promenade concert which was given under the auspices of the Lincoln Light Infantry. The exercises comprised a concert, an exhibition drill and dancing, the latter commencing at 9:30. Following is the musical program given:

- Nebraska State Band.....
- H. T. Irvine, director
- Tuxedo Mandolin Club.....
- Franklin Eaton, director
- Overture—"Fra Diavolo".....Auber
- "The Passing Regiment".....Coverley
- Mandolin Club—Woman's Love Waltz
- Cornet Solo—"Tramp, Tramp".....Rollinson
- Mr. B. H. Kendrick
- Tattoo—"Soldier's Life".....Keler-Bela
- Approach of Night; the Serenade; the March; the Prayer Before the Battle; Final
- Mandolin Club—"Dance of the Tramp" Descriptive—"A Trip to Coney Island".....Moses-Tobain
- Characteristic Piece—"Guard Mount".....Eilenberg
- Mandolin Club—Clio Gavotte.....Mazurke Russe—"La Czarine".....Ganne
- Miss Potvin in Chicago.

The Lincoln friends of Miss Potvin may be interested in the following, from the Saturday Evening Herald, Chicago: Miss May S. Potvin, the piano virtuoso recently added to the faculty of the Perkins' Chicago National College of Music, will give a pianoforte recital Tuesday evening, December 19, in Kimball hall. Miss Potvin made a most favorable impression at the recent faculty concert of the college. Her playing was such as to place her in the first class of piano soloists. Her appearance in a recital of large works by Beethoven, Schubert, Rubinstein, Mozowski, Chopin and Tausig will attract general interest. Miss Mae Estelle Acton will supply the vocal numbers with selections from "La Favorita" and "Carmen."

Presbyterian Social.

The First Presbyterian church was the scene of an animated gathering Wednesday evening, the occasion being a social given by the ladies of the church. Misses Laura Houts and Gertrude Chambers rendered two excellent mandolin duets and Miss Follmer recited in a very pleasing manner. The rooms were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and tempting refreshments were served throughout the evening by Mrs. C. F. Ladd, Mrs. Rezin Welch, Mrs. Joseph Bigger, Mrs. G. L. Meisner and Mrs. H. S. Freeman.

Taken By Surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Doty, who have recently moved into a handsome residence at Twentieth and F streets, were visited by a large number of their friends Saturday evening, who came unannounced. A very pleasant evening was spent. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Casebeer, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Dorris, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Schwake, Mr. and Mrs. Kearns and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Steckley, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Lasch, Mr. and Mrs. Lindley, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Appieget, Mrs. Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Talbot.

State Historical Society.

The annual meeting of the state historical society will be held on the evenings of January 9 and 10, in the chapel of the state university at 8 o'clock. The following are the programs:

- January 9.—Hon. B. J. Johnson of Howe, Neb., "Early Reminiscences;" J. A. MacMurphy, Omaha, "Pioneer Life in Nebraska;" C. B. Aitchison, "Life of Governor Burt;" F. Ball, Palmyra, "Extracts From Early Documents."
- January 10.—Hon. T. M. Marquette, Lincoln, "The Early Courts of Nebraska;" H. W. Yates, president of the Nebraska National bank, Omaha, "Early Nebraska Currency and Per Capita Circulation;" Victor Rosewater, Ph.D., Omaha, "Municipal Government in Nebraska;" S. C. Bassett, Gibbon, "The Soldiers' Free Homestead Colony."

Will Play at Her Wedding.

Another London celebrity, Sir Arthur Sullivan, has aroused much talk by volunteering to play the "Wedding march" on the organ at St. George's church when Miss Adele Grant of New York marries the Earl of Essex. This was construed among persons who were aware of Sir Arthur's attention to Miss Grant as a touching influence of self-abnegation and forgiveness. There was no doubt in the minds of that section of the public which is interested in the question of the love affairs of prominent people that Sir Arthur and Miss Grant were upon the point of being engaged several times while the musician and composer were

in this country. Later in the season their engagement was reported repeatedly by cable from London.

Reception at the Y. M. C. A.

A reception was tendered to the general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association Mr. Doane, and Mrs. Doane, and Mr. Sloan, the physical director, in the parlors of the association Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, and the evening was spent most pleasantly. Mr. Le Grand Baldwin, the president of the association, and Mrs. Baldwin, and Chancellor Canfield, assisted in receiving the guests. An enjoyable musical program was rendered.

The Midway Plaisance.

A unique entertainment was given at the First Congregational church Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, interest centering in the Midway Plaisance. Supper was served at 6 o'clock. There was a Ferris wheel, and attractively designed booths, suggestive, in name, at least, of the Midway, presided over by ladies in appropriate costume. There was music during the evening.

The Century Club.

The last meeting of the Century club was held December 12 at the residence of Mrs. Henry Hartley. Mrs. McCreery discussed the "Reign of Louis XIV, 1643-1715," Mrs. Kirker, "Literature Under Louis XIV," and Mrs. Scott, "The French in America." The next meeting of the club will be held December 26, at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Wolcott.

Box Party at the Lansing.

A box party that added to the general attractiveness of the interior of the Lansing theatre Wednesday evening, when the auditorium was filled with a cultured and fashionable audience paying tribute to "Friends" was that composed of Messrs. H. R. Krug, W. H. Robinson, John T. Dorgan, Beman G. Dawes, George Woods, C. P. Clough, and Misses Fay Marshall, Nellie White, Jeannette Wilson, Ward, of Waseca, Minn., Rachel Brock, and Mame Carson.

Minor Mention.

Miss Brownie Baum, well known in this city, made her debut in Omaha Tuesday night at a brilliant dancing party given by her mother, Mrs. Daniel Baum. Miss Anne Funke, of this city, was present at the party.

Chancellor Crook, of the Wesleyan university, lectured Wednesday evening in the chapel of the State university, his subject being "Betsy and I Are Out, a Popular View of the Divorce Question."

Mr. Frank M. Hall will begin the erection of a handsome residence at the corner of G and Fifteenth streets, in the spring. The residence will cost \$10,000, and will be built after a colonial model.

A number of ladies have interested themselves in a movement looking to the establishment of soup houses in this city, and it is probable that some definite action will be taken in the near future.

The ladies of the Y. W. C. A. will hold a bazar today at the residence of Mrs. Cora Pitcher, 1645 H street. The bazar will be in progress during the afternoon and evening, and the public is invited.

Mr. J. W. Cutright, who was private secretary to Congressman Bryan during the extra session of congress, has returned to Lincoln. He has resumed his position as city editor of the News.

There was a merry gathering of young people, mostly university students, at the residence of Mr. Frank W. Lewis Saturday evening. What was the principal form of entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ensign, who were married at Hot Springs, Ark., last week, will arrive in Lincoln the latter part of the month, and will be at home at 1109 F street.

The meeting of the Haydon Art club to have been held Tuesday evening was postponed on account of the illness of Mrs. H. H. Wilson and Professor Ward.

At a meeting of the Pleasant Hour club held Monday some new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the usual holiday party December 29.

The Current Topic club met Monday evening in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. The subject discussed was "Has Money a Legitimate Use in Politics?"

Mrs. Eva Gruningher who has been visiting her son, Mr. A. C. Ziemer, left Tuesday for Chicago, where she will be the guest of her daughters.

Miss Ward, of Waseca, Minn., who has spent several weeks in this city the guest of Miss Jeannette Wilson, expects to return home next week.

The Patriarchs, one of Lincoln's oldest dancing organizations, will give the first party of the season next Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lowry arrived in Lincoln Wednesday. They will occupy Mr. Frank Brownell's house on C street this winter.

The Tuxedo Mandolin club will give a concert Tuesday evening in the Baptist church, the proceeds to go to the poor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Troth, of McCook, who were the guests of Hon. and Mrs. John C. Allen, returned home Wednesday.

The students of the state university will hold their usual holiday dance

Tuesday evening at the Lansing hall.

Mr. John Harrop, the newly elected register of deeds, is visiting friends in the southern part of the state.

The "Hard Times" Whist club was entertained last evening at the Lincoln hotel by Miss Mame Carson.

Mr. John P. Sutton has gone to Minnesota to act as paymaster for some of Mr. Fitzgerald's contract work.

The Joie de Vie club was entertained last evening at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Heasley, 1323 S street.

Mr. Walt Mason, philosopher and poet, of Beatrice, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Charles L. Burr attended the Baum dancing party in Omaha Tuesday evening.

The Joie de Vie club met last Friday evening at the residence of Dr. G. M. Smith.

Mrs. George H. Hastings attended the funeral of her sister in Aurora, Ill., this week.

Miss Mame Carson returned Monday from Omaha, where she visited several days.

Mr. Ernest Holmes, formerly of the Journal's staff, arrived in Paris Thursday.

Mrs. Hall of Kansas City is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bartholomew. Prof. Nicholson, of the state university, has gone south for his health.

Mrs. A. B. Clark and Miss Bertha Clark visited Omaha Monday.

Mr. Bert Howey was in Lincoln Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. K. K. Hayden has returned from Washington D. C.

Mrs. D. E. Thompson, spent Monday in Omaha.

Miss Sarah Harris has returned from Denver.

Mrs. E. E. Brown left Tuesday for Denver.

Hon. J. E. Hill has gone to La Porte, Texas.

Mr. J. H. Agee is in La Porte Texas.

Hon. A. H. Weir is in Chicago.

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