

Written for the Sunday Morning Bazaar. OF LIFE, LOVE IS THE BLEST.

Glad are the birds the summer brings, And fair the golden days, Which set the path with daisies white That through the meadow strays.

SOCIETY NEWS.

[Any items of interest suitable for this department, from Sedalia or neighboring places, are especially solicited. We want a vivacious, active and cheery lady correspondent in all the neighboring towns tributary to Sedalia. Address all such communications to Rosa Peattie, society reporter, Bazaar office, Sedalia, Mo.]

"It should be made a principal to extend the hand of fellowship to every man who discharges faithfully his duties," says Daniel Webster, and it is true, the individual who is interested in general society, whose deportment is upright, and whose mind is intelligent, is entitled to recognition, no matter whether he writes a brief or swings a hammer.

—Mrs. M. V. Neet is visiting friends in Warrensburg. —English beauties with cropped hair wear the turban. —Only out-door costumes are made of cashmere de Indes.

—Miss Lizzie Shaw, of Brownsville, visited friends in this city Thursday. —Mr. and Mrs. H. Peuffeld, of Moberly, are the guests of friends in this city. —None but tall and slender women can wear large square and large fabrics.

—The ladies of the Congregational Church Society met at the residence of Mrs. Sinclair, on Ohio street, last Friday afternoon, and had an enjoyable time.

Mrs. J. C. Barber, Mrs. John Burkhardt, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Joe Roll, Mrs. R. H. Moses, Mrs. A. E. Whitney, Mrs. Elmer Deane, Mrs. E. F. Deane, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Haverly, Mrs. Evans, and Misses Ella Green and Josie Haverly.

SOCIETY ELSEWHERE. BROWNVILLE. —Miss Bessie Bulkly, of Blackburn, is visiting in town.

BOONVILLE. —Miss Kate Drysdale commenced teaching a three month term at the Ray school east of town last Monday.

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BOONVILLE. —Miss Sallie Sweet, of Lee's Summit who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity, has returned home.

BOONVILLE. —Mrs. George How and family returned to Clinton from Rich Hill Thursday night and will reside here in the future.

BOONVILLE. —Mrs. A. P. Frowein went to St. Louis Thursday morning to visit her children, who are attending school there.

BOONVILLE. —Miss Kate Salmon returned to her school at Windsor Sunday night, after a pleasant visit to her friend Miss Kate Bedford.

visited the family of their son, W. J. Tucker, of this city, several days last week.

APPLETON CITY.

—Miss Cassie Ashby has returned from her visit north.

—Miss Sarah Galt, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is convalescing, and her many friends hope to see her out soon.

—Miss Mee and Master Harry Lee Dodson gave an elocutionary entertainment here last Thursday evening, which was quite largely attended.

OSCEOLA. —Miss Williams, of Clinton, spent last Sunday here.

OSCEOLA. —Miss Nannie Baldwin is visiting friends in Appleton City this week.

OSCEOLA. —Scott Nesbit and wife, and Misses Ella Amrine and Lizzie Lilley left for Nevada Tuesday morning to attend the presbytery.

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HANNIBAL. —Mrs. G. W. Stoker left Wednesday morning for Boone, Iowa, to visit her mother who is not expected to live.

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—J. W. Petty has purchased the house on High street formerly occupied by Jos. Lieber and moved into it with his family this week.

—R. F. Wyan, of Bell Air, was in town this week. There is no discount on the Wyan Bros. as cattle dealers. They are 'way above par.

—A sprinkle of rain fell here this afternoon, enough to lay the dust which has been bothering pedestrians considerably.

—J. M. Mayfield passed through Boonville this week on his way home from Saline county, where he had been selling a lot of fine mules.

—Judge J. L. Berry is in town collecting material for a history of Cooper county. He expects to make it very comprehensive and interesting.

—The queerest man in Cooper county lives in Tubrine township. He has not been off his farm for fifteen years. He has missed lots of fun, we'll bet.

—A marriage between a beautiful and bewitching Boonville brunette and one of Sedalia's society young men is being whispered around to come off soon, if the old folks do object.

—A big ball in honor of the 64th anniversary of the I. O. O. F. will be given here on the 26th, and a number of lodges from other places are expected to join in the festivities.

—Rev. Boone Keeton, of Fayette, preaches at the M. E. church South, Sunday, morning and evening. Rev. H. B. Banks will officiate at the Presbyterian church.

—They do say that Dr. John McCoy, Chas. F. Adams, Louis Levens and Reade Quarles can mesmerize "most any one." We would like to see Louis Levens undertake to mesmerize some girls we know in Boonville.

—W. A. Stephens, of Bunceon, has succeeded in getting the back pension of an old family servant, Chloe Ann Holliday, who, for years, has been trying through pension agents and in every way to get it. The pension amounts to \$2.71 and continues hereafter \$8 per month. The old woman is well-known about Bunceon, and is the widow of Edward Holliday.

—Col. Charles L. Hunt, one of St. Louis' most prominent and wealthiest citizens, was in Boonville this week accompanied by his son, Col. Hunt, purchased some valuable real estate in our city at a partition sale, he being one of the parties interested. He speaks of building dwelling houses, for rent, on his property. A portion of his purchase is what is known as the "Tucker pasture," being the grounds just above the railroad bridge, bordering the river and running back to the Sedalia road. He thinks of placing a brick-making machine on this ground to convert the hills into building material and level the land so that it will be more suitable for the location of houses. This would be a paying enterprise, as it would greatly enhance the value of the land, and the millions of brick that could be made from it would find a ready sale at a good price.

—The Odd-Fellow lodges of this city are in a flourishing condition at present. The Bazaar correspondent was kindly furnished with the following item of interest with respect to these lodges: Far West lodge's new officers for the ensuing six months are: John Waterman, N.G.; Chris. Arpe, V. G., Chas. Valratte, R. S., C. Stamatogahana, F. S., Joseph Barth, treasurer. The present membership of this lodge is ninety-eight; receipts for last six months, \$571.90; disbursements, \$432.75, of which \$117.00 was for charity. The invested funds and amount in the treasury foots up \$4,260.10. The new officers of Olive Branch lodge are: J. B. Holland, N. G., N. W. Smith, V. G., J. S. Nicholson, R. S., L. H. Stadel, F. S., B. F. Jones, treasurer. The present membership of this lodge, 45; receipts for last six months, \$242.25; disbursements, \$229.55 of which \$95.00 was for charity; invested funds and in treasury, \$909.00. The new officers of Boone encampment are: J. L. Hesel, C. P., L. Westerman, H. P., John Cosgrove, S. W., Speed Stephens, J. W., A. Schaffer, scribe; U. Wale, treasurer. The present membership of this encampment is 45; receipts during the last six months, \$123.25; disbursements, \$86.60, of which \$24.00 was for relief; invested funds and in treasury, \$757.45. The above named officers hold their respective offices for six months from April 1st. We doubt whether any other Odd Fellow lodges in the state can show a better financial condition than the above.

—Sometime ago, Mrs. Elizabeth Scally, of Illinois, obtained a judgment against Cooper county on detached interest coupons of T. & N. bonds for the sum of \$2,653.40. The county court, last week, ordered a warrant for the sum to be drawn on the railroad interest fund. John H. Stevens, of California, had a judgment on similar coupons for the sum of \$8,563.84, for which a warrant was drawn on the same funds. John R. Snyder, of Illinois had a judgment on same account for \$554.60, which the court offered to compromise at eighty-five cents on the dollar of the principal, which the plaintiff refused to accept. Mr. Snyder also has a judgment on Boonville township bonds for \$1,982, for the payment of which the court has been ordered to levy a tax. The court replied to the mandamus, stating that a compromise on these bonds had been offered and accepted for more than half of them; that the court thought that it ought not now, in justice to our people, to pay the tax. Like returns have been made to mandamus recently issued, and judgment obtained on Clear Creek and Pilot Grove township bonds. Summons was served in three new suits on township bonds, a few days ago the sum demanded running up into the thousands. The decisions of the United States courts are in favor of the bondholders and our state courts can suggest no way to escape the force of these decisions, and it looks as if our people would be compelled to pay the bonds in full if they cannot effect a compromise.

A granger whose name is Bob Shield, was moving the grass in his field, by a snake he was bitten, and he has just written, "St. Jacobs Oil has the bite healed."

A lame Chinaman on the Pacific. Of pains and aches was prolific; He limped all around, Until he had found St. Jacobs Oil, the great specific.

TASTY TOILETS

Worn by the Ladies at the Ball at Nevada on Friday Night.

An Enjoyable Time Had by all Who Were so Fortunate as to be Present.

The Thespians Warmly Welcomed and Highly Commended at the Conclusion.

The performance of "Dora, or the Will of Iron," by the Thespian company of this city, was spoken of in brief in yesterday morning's BAZOO in connection with the grand gala day at Nevada last Friday, but as each one of the company excelled in her or his individual part, it is well enough to speak of the play in a more detailed manner. The opera house of Nevada is indeed a little gem and in its appropriate scenic effects, the play of Dora received a setting which gave it unusual interest. Mr. Latour as Farmer Allen, realized the author's identity of the character fully. He was not noisy, nor in any degree a boaster, but his "iron will" was a part of himself, as inherent as his life. Mrs. Josie Latour, in her representation of "Dora," was a sweet and noble type of womanhood and the actress sustained her role to the very end, in a manner which would have done credit to a professional rather than an amateur.

The singing of "Only a Pansy blossom," by Miss Ada Cloes, was much enjoyed by her hearers and both she and Miss Mabel Van Camp—whose sympathetic voice is always admired—received hearty accolades. Jules Sactelle, as Luke Blomfield, Herb Nims as William Allen, Carl Landes as little Willie Allen, and each and all of the actors in their respective parts did finely. In the laughable farce of "A Kiss in the Dark," Mr. Ed. Houx was "Selim Pettibone" to the very life, while Frank Hardcastle as "Frank Fathom," Miss Gussie Heismeyer as "Mrs. Pettibone" and Miss Mabel Van Camp in her dual character of "Mary" and the "Unknown Lady," gave the very best of satisfaction to their hearers. In point of fact the only thing which can be said against the "Thespians" is the fact that the actors now and then forgot to speak loud enough, and the audience in the back part of the opera house were unable to hear distinctly.

The Sedalia Silver Cornet band rendered some excellent selections between the scenes, their handling of the reed instruments being harmonious and in excellent time. At the close of the performance almost the entire company adjourned to the large dancing hall beneath the opera house and there indulged in dancing until a late hour. The programmes were unique affairs, representing a pansy in full bloom, and were much admired. In fact, the entire occasion was complete in all its details and the management—more particularly Mr. Harry C. Moore, F. B. Morris and S. S. Sherman—have reason to congratulate themselves.

There were so many handsome toilets worn by the ladies that it would be impossible to give an entire list, but it is probable that the following were the most noticeable: Mrs. H. H. Schofield, of Nevada, costume of cream nun's veiling, with scarlet satin bodice. The over drapery was short and bouffant, trimmed with cream Spanish lace, garniture of Spanish lace, small cream satin capote adorned with wild roses and sweet alyssum, corsage bouquet of tea and jaequemint rose buds and pearl ornaments.

Miss Lou Mitchell white India mull over peach blossom pink nun's veiling. The over drapery was finished with deep point recamer lace, the garniture of tulle and point recamer lace. A broad peach blossom pink satin sash fell in broad full loops at the left side, corsage bouquet of roses with poke bonnet trimmed with pink plumes and wreath of wild roses.

Miss Carrie Thornton, dress of cream nun's veiling with terra cotta satin bodice, small terra cotta satin bonnet trimmed with Spanish lace and white lilac blossoms.

Mrs. Jack Dawson, dress of terra cotta silk with short draperies richly trimmed with cream Spanish lace, pink basque with small bonnet of cream satin trimmed with Spanish lace.

Miss Cora Barter, black gros grain silk costume with black velvet bodice cut with square neck and short sleeves, the sleeves and neck were edged with cream Spanish lace. Small white hat trimmed with cream plumes and trailing sprays of roses, pink crushed roses as a corsage bouquet.

Mrs. F. W. Laseur, pale blue silk and satin combination costume; the draperies were short, trimmed with point duchesse lace, the white satin waist plaited and trimmed with the lace. The wearer of the handsome costume is a recent bride from Ohio.

Mrs. Harry Moore, costume of black gros grain silk, richly embroidered in snow drops and moss rosebuds; small hat, with trimming of tinted locust blossoms.

Mrs. M. A. January, pale pink nun's veiling, the front draped short and shirred high, the back long and full, the front of the underdress trimmed with flounces, small bonnet of pale pink satin and point lace; apple blossoms as a corsage bouquet.

Miss Birdie Ewing, cream satin costume embroidered very richly in colors.

Mrs. W. E. Walton, of Butler, cream albatross cloth, with shirred flounces trimmed with lace, long, full overdrawing of cream Spanish lace, scarlet satin basque waist, small cap of Spanish lace; long, trailing sprays of crushed blush and tea roses at the left of corsage; pearl ornaments.

Mrs. F. N. Allen, black gros grain silk costume, with blush and tea roses as a corsage ornament; small capote trimmed heavily with jet.

Mrs. Harry Mitchell, black gros grain silk costume, with pale blue satin basque waist, garniture of cream Spanish lace, small bonnet of pale blue satin, adorned with blue plumes.

Mrs. W. P. Robinson, white satin richly trimmed with pearl passementerie, small white satin bonnet with Spanish lace ties and adorned with moss rose buds, corsage bouquet of trailing sprays of blush roses, long ends of the Pythian colors of red, yellow and blue ribbon attached to the left shoulder, and diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Romide, cordial satin costume with short bouffant drapery and richly trimmed underdress.

Miss Kate Ford, dress of pink and cream satin, with flounces of cream satin lace, small cream satin bonnet trimmed with lilies of the valley, pink crushed roses as a corsage bouquet.

Mrs. Rice, black velvet skirt with pointed black satin waist, corsage bouquet of crushed roses, white hat with long, white plumes.

Miss Jennie Rice, dress of wine silk with cream satin bodice, Spanish lace garniture, small bonnet trimmed with locust blossoms, corsage bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Miss Sadie Minkler, pale blue nun's veiling costume with satin bodice of the same shade, cut in deep slashes, white bonnet with long white plumes.

Miss Bettie McAfee, dress of wine silk costume, small cream hat with trimming of hawthorn blossoms, ornaments of cameo.

Mrs. J. A. Montgomery, costume of dress of wine silk with dregs of wine velvet basque, corsage bouquet of cardinal and tea roses, small bonnet of dregs of wine satin with shaded cardinal plumes.

Mrs. Wm. Latour, dress of one of the new mode shades trimmed with loops and ends of bronze brown velvet, hat of the dress material with innumerable loops, gloves of the mode shade.

Mrs. F. A. Hoffman, gray checked suit with handsome finish at the throat of crushed strawberry trimming, large hat with long crushed strawberry shaded plumes.

Miss Annie Simonds, black gros grain silk with finish of black Spanish lace, small white bonnet with pale pine roses.

Miss Sue Evans, cardinal nun's veiling with small bonnet of scarlet corsage, bouquet of shaded scarlet chrysanthemums.

Miss Minnie Barrett, scarlet nun's veiling, small hat with finish of white daisies.

Miss Mamie Brown, of St. Louis, dress of wine silk skirt, with short drapery and waist of checked gray silk, hat of dregs of wine shade trimmed with dregs of wine plumes.

Miss Mabel Van Camp, black silk costume with large hat of bronze green, trimmed with long plumes of the same shade.

Miss Delia Hardcastle, black satin costume with garniture of duchesse lace, corsage bouquet of roses, large hat trimmed with bronze brown plumes shading to orange.

Miss Belle Hall, scarlet albatross cloth dress, trimmed with full ruchings and long falling ends of satin ribbon, small bonnet of the same shade.

Miss Gussie Heismeyer, white India linen, trimmed with heavy embroidery, long floating ends of cameo pink satin ribbon at the left side and at the throat.

There were many other as equally handsome dresses worn, and it can well be opined that the effect of their vivid colors against the brilliant blue and gold uniforms of the knights presented a picture of fine effect.

At 3 o'clock a. m. the Sedalia visitors embarked on the excursion for their homes and, although very weary yet none the less happy and grateful to the citizens of Nevada for their careful hospitality and management of an evening of pleasure.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Wild Cat Life Insurance Company.

To THE PUBLIC: Our attention has been called to a letter from John T. Williams, superintendent of insurance, published in the "Henry County Democrat" of April 12th, under the above heading, in which he states that the Southwestern Mutual Benefit association, of Sedalia, Missouri, has no authority to do business in Missouri. We do not wish or intend to argue the question with Mr. Williams. The legal status of our association, and all other mutual benevolent associations, was fixed by our legislature in the laws of Missouri of 1831 on pages 86 and 87. We are incorporated under the article referred to in the laws of Missouri, which states emphatically that no benevolent association or society "which shall issue any certificate to or make any promise or agreement with its members, whereby any sum of money or benefit is to become due or payable to its sick or disabled members, or on the decease of a member, solely from the proceeds of assessments or dues" collected from the members thereof, shall be deemed an insurance company, or subject to the general insurance laws of the state." This law was passed with an emergency clause, for the express purpose of removing all doubt as to the legality of benevolent associations and societies then in existence. The question was tested in the criminal court of St. Louis in 1881, in the case of the state of Missouri against the Farmers' and Mechanics' Benevolent association, of St. Louis, which was decided by the court in favor of the association. It is very evident that Mr. Williams' letter is written in the interest of "old line" life insurance companies and not with the intent to do justice to our association or to the people.

J. S. McLEAN, President Southwestern Mutual Benefit Association.

Explosion of a Gasoline Stove.

A small gasoline stove exploded yesterday afternoon in the rear room of McCluney's drug store, and for a time the utmost confusion prevailed. A liberal supply of water was soon on hand, however, and in a brief period the fire, which had communicated to some waste paper, was extinguished.

Judge Richardson was in the store at the time, and on learning the cause of the fire, remarked that some \$15,000 worth of insurance in the block was invalidated, as all the policies excluded the use of gasoline stoves. This is a pointer which other merchants may profit by without it costing them a cent.

Died.

The three-year-old son of Albert North, who resides in the southern portion of the city, died at six o'clock yesterday morning, of brain fever, after an illness of less than twenty-four hours.

Mr. North has another child which is quite ill, and in his affliction he will certainly have the sympathy of this community.