SOCIETY PREPARES TO SLEEP

Events that Illuminated the Gay World Last Week.

ASH WEDNESDAY RINGS DOWN THE CURTAIN

Mrs. and Miss Collins Hold the Last of Their "At Homes"—Sunflower Operetta at Hillside—Doings of the Howling Swells.

Society was in fine fettle last week, the number and diversity of the entertainments calling out all the ultra-fashionables, who seemingly enjoyed the pre-Lenten season with all the ardor of young blood. Throughout the week it was go from morning till late night, and the number of tired people who will welcome the Lenten respite cannot be told, but the number is very much greater than ever before.

Never has Omaha had a gayer pre-Lenten season, which is very remarkable in these times of financial depression, but the post Lententide gives little hope of rivaling the social period before Lent. However, it is impossible to prognosticate what will occur after Easter, for society is a law unto itself seemingly, and what looks like a social famine at this distance may turn out a feast.

Monday Mrs. Frances Wessels will give a kensington, Miss Dandy announcing a dancing party for the same evening. Shrove Tuesday evening Miss Colpetzer will give a fancy dress party, while Mr. and Mrs. Claflin will entertain the Bon Ami club. For Tuesday Mrs. Humphrey announces a reception from 3 to 5.

Wednesday brings sack cloth and ashes.

Played Progressive Hearts.

A card party, which all who were present unite in pronouncing a perfect success in every respect, was given in the parlors of the Shriner by a few of the ladies in the house last Thursday night. Encouraged by the result of the efforts that had been made the previous week in the direction of a masquerade, invitations were issued to all the members of the house party and an even dozen outside guests. Altogether there were nine tables, with four players at each.

Hearts was the game selected, and, of course, it was made progressive. The preparations, too, included many features which were especially appropriate to the name and nature of the game. Each player was provided with a heart-shaped score card, with his or her card exquisitely inscribed in fancy lettering. This work had all been done by Mr. Allen White in pen and ink, and it is only just to say that these cards constituted the most attractive feature of the whole affair. No two of them were alike and every recipient considered that he had the finest of the lot.

The ladies had conspired together and had provided five handsome prizes, their own handiwork. According to the rules of play, as soon as any one in the room had taken in twenty-one hearts every hand was thrown down and the two at each table with the lowest figures progressed. On this principle eleven hands were played and then, it being nearly 11 o'clock, every one's total was added up with a view to discovering the prize winners.

Meantime delicious light refreshments were served, and it was then announced that Mr. Dave Rowe, with a score of forty-seven, had taken the first prize. The first ladies' prize went to Mrs. Durfee and the second to Mrs. Dean. Mr. Hastings carried off the second gentlemen's prize. Every member of the company who had not received a prize was then invited to cut for the consolation prize, and it went to Mrs. Girard, each of the five prizes being thus appropriately enough carried off by guests of the evening.

After the distribution of the prizes some of the guests departed and dancing was started and did not cease until nearly 1 o'clock.

Thurston Rifles.

Monday evening, February 5, will occur the first regular monthly inspection of the company, including lockers, uniforms, arms and equipments. Particular attention will be given to the condition of the rifles and equipments. The company will parade in service uniform with white gloves. Following the inspection the company will hold its regular monthly business meeting, at which time articles of incorporation will be presented for adopsion, as prepared by the president, Hon. John M. Thurston. There are several candidates for membership to be acted upon at this meeting, besides considerable general business of great interest to every member of the Rifles. A full attendance is earnestly desired.

Last Saturday evening Sergeant Lee Forby drilled a squad of recruits in the "setting up exercises," "facings," salutes, etc. These drills will be continued on alternate Saturday evenings until further orders.

Bids have been received for the construction of twelve more lockers, to accommodote the newly elected men, and the contract will be let the first of the week. The estimate also includes the addition to the gun rack, which will be enlarged to hold sixty rifles.

At a meeting of the officers and non-commissioned officers held last Monday night, after drill, it was decided to purchase a number of copies of the Drill Regulations, for the purpose of instruction. An officer's school will be established and recitations in tactics, both verbal and written, held at stated periods.

All members of the company who are minors will secure the written consent of their parents or guardians that they may belong to the Nebraska National Guard and hand the same to the company commander next Monday evening.

Corporal Nason has recovered from his recent attack of sickness and reported for duty.

First Lieutenant William J. Foye, on leave for a few days last week, returned from the country last Saturday.

Persons taking an interest in military matters are cordially invited to witness the inspection to be held next Monday evening at the armory, 1510 Harney street. Assembly at 8:15.

Mrs. Keller's Afternoon.

The reception Tuesday given by Mrs. Charles B. Keller from 3 to 6 brought out many of the older people who have had their fling in the ultra-fashionable circles and are now content to manage their households and direct the education of their children. One feels always sure of meeting one's best and dearest friends at Mrs. Keller's functions and the reception of Tuesday was no exception. It was a congenial gathering of intimates and the afternoon passed altogether too quickly for those who were a part of the pleasant entertainment for women.

The receiving party embraced Mrs. Keller, Miss Collins, who is almost like a foreigner to the younger set because of her long residence abroad; Miss Dandy, and Mme. Powell. Assisting were Miss Jentie Yates and Miss Sadie Hambleton, while in the dining room Miss Grace Himebaugh and Miss Erna Balch poured coffee and chocolate, while in the prettiest of rose colored nooks just off the hall Miss Jennie McClelland, in a gown that corresponded to the color of the booth, poured tea. There was little attempt at elaborate floral decoration although the dining room table was exquisitely laid with flowers and arranged with silver and cut glass.

P. E. O. Society Entertain.

The P. E. O.'s gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the home of Mrs. P. R. Shoemaker, 2525 Harney street, Friday evening. A musical program was given containing the following numbers: "Only Thee," a duet, by Mrs. Sheetz and Mrs. Ray Thomas, was very creditably sung. Then followed a solo, "Queen of the Earth," by Mr. Harry V. Burkley, which was finely rendered and elicited much applause, for which he responded by singing "In Night's Still Calm." Next on the program was a guitar solo by Mr. J. S. Zipful, overture by Carulli. Next followed a solo by Mrs. A. L. Sheetz, with violin obligato by Miss Jeanne Wakefield. It was one of the most pleasing numbers of the evening. The first half of the program was concluded by Mr. Luther H. Tate in the selection "Leonore," by Trotere, which he sang in a most pleasing manner, and kindly responded to a hearty encore. The second part of the program was opened by a violin solo, finely performed by Miss Jeanne Wakefield. Then a duet by Mrs. Sheetz and Mr. Charles C. Easson. Next, "Agathe," by Mr. Zipful. The evening's program was finished by Mr. Charles C. Easson in a fine solo, "The Watcher." It was highly appreciated and well adapted to his voice. Light refreshments were served afterward, and a general good time followed.

Mrs. Shoemaker was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Judge Blair, Mrs. William Loudon and Miss Mayme Hutchinson. The house was tastefully decorated throughout in the society's colors, yellow and white. Dainty programs in the shape of a star were given to each of the guests.

Inaugurated the Lenten Rest.

Mrs. Collins and Miss Collins' last "at home" before the Lenten respite was largely attended Thursday, about 125 women calling during the afternoon, and about 5 o'clock a number of men came in for a cup of tea a la Russe and a bit of caviar and toast.

Mrs. Collins received the guests in the blue reception room, assisted by Miss Wakeley. Miss Woolworth served the frappe of violets in the parlor, assisted by Miss Webster, Miss Emily Wakeley and Miss Barnard. Miss Collins at the tea table in the dining room made tea from the Russian samovar, and was assisted in serving it by Miss Dandy, Miss Turner of Chicago and Miss Colpetzer.

Mrs. Collins wore a Paris reception toilette of wine colored velvet en train, with Louis XVI jacket of ivory satin brocaded in garlands of roses and forget-me-nots in natural tones; front of rose pink crepe, caught in with diamonds and emeralds.

Miss Collins wore a Paris tea gown of the 1830 period, soft clinging white India silk with tiny pin stripes of old rose and old blue. Watteau pleat and train falling from yoke, decollete finished with deep frill of valenciennes lace. Full sleeves ending at the elbow with very deep lace and bows of old rose satin. Shoulder epaulettes and girdle of the same. Loose front, with close cascade of deep valenciennes lace. Diamond butterfly, arrow, fleur de lis and crescent.

Miss Wakeley looked very handsome in black lace and diamonds. Two deep red carnations rested in her black hair, making a very pretty effect.

Miss Woolworth looked stately and graceful as she served the frappe at her side table. She wore a combination of black silk with immense purple sleeves.

Miss Drudy, one of the prettiest and most popular of this season's buds, was extremely pretty in soft white cloth with figaro front of faille Francaise.

Her friend, Miss Turner, was much admired in pansy tones from the most delicate lilac to the deepest heliotrope.

Miss Webster, another of the most attractive belles, wore one of those charming toilettes for which she is rapidly becoming well known—an exquisite combination of pale gray and white crepe.

Miss Colpetzer, one of the brightest of the buds, was very attractive in rose pink silk, decollete, with dainty pendant necklace of daisies.

Miss Emily Wakeley, always pretty and interesting, was charming in old rose satin.

Miss Barnard wore a light colored silk gown with fresh flowers.

Among those calling during the afternoon were noticed: Mrs. Andrew J. Poppleton, Miss Poppleton, Mrs. Horbach, Mrs. J. N. H. Patrick, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Horace Everett and Mrs. Frank S. Pusey, nee Ella Dodge, of Council Bluffs; Mrs. James H. Pratt, Miss Pratt, Mrs. Meredith, Miss Collier, Mrs. Charles A. Booth, Mrs. Theodore Schwan, Miss Rodman, Mrs. James C. Ayers, Mrs. Benjamin Gallagher, Miss McKenna, Mrs. Robert Peattie, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Elmer S. Dundy, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Dubois, Mrs. W. W. Marsh, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. George I. Gilbert, Mrs. Frank Haller, Mrs. McKell, Mrs. Charles B. Keller, Mrs. Joseph Clarkson, Mrs. George Pritchett, Mrs. J. H. Congdon, Mrs. James M. Patterson, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Marvin Porter, Mrs. Samuel Burns, Mrs. Howard B. Smith, Mrs. John Barker, Miss Barker, Miss Hawley of Lincoln, Mrs. Thomas Swobe, Mrs. Alda Eddy, Miss Van Camp, Miss McClelland, Mrs. R. C. Moore, Mrs. Catherine Powell, Mrs. Falconer, Miss Welsh and Messrs. Henry W. Yates, Dean Gardner, Lieutenant A. G. C. Quay, Charles Dean, Edmund Fairfield, Victor Rosewater, John Wilbur Beall and others.

Swell Dancing Club.

The Tuxedo Dancing club gave the fourth of its series of dancing parties at Erfling's hall Wednesday evening, an event which was participated in by over eighty couples. It was the last party given by the Tuxedo before Lent, and the club's popularity was amply manifested by the number of participants in the terpsichorean festivities of the evening. The program, consisting of nineteen numbers, embraced all the latest and most desirable dances of the season, and the "light fantastic" was freely indulged in "midst mirth, music and merriment.

Among those present were: Misses Beck, Brenton, Baker, Fitzpatrick, Giles, Mamie Carland, Addie Carland, Lizzie Wilson, Davis, Aggie Wilson, Reed, Flanagan, Annie Kelly, Thomsett, Brown, McCann, Nelson, Shields, Wiley, Lulu Burkhard, Burstall, Burstall, Katie Burkhard, Wagner, Kenelly, Hirt, McQuillin, Young, Vorwald, Hunter, Ella Hirt, McQuillin, Vorwald, Campion, Taylor, Sage, Hanna, Bonce, Sullivan, Henderson, Abbott, Phillips, Durr, Ella Smith, Phillips, Alice Statler, Emma Statler, Rose Davis, Gatewood, Cosgrave, Hegarty, Cosgrave, Vorwald, McGavock, Riley, Hayes of Platte Center, Neb.; Rush, Daisy McElroy, Bessie McElroy, Urquart, Crowley of Syracuse, N. Y.; Dailey, McGuire, McGuire, Mattson, Lizzie Mahoney, Sadie Mahoney, Culbert, Higgins, Truckey, Cramer, Penner, Douglas, Court, McCarthy; Mrs. F. J. Moriarty, Mrs. Kervan, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Stuben; Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Reed, Schell, Charles Furay, Brenton, Rooney, Frank Furay, Tracy, Koesters, Hart, McKillip, Horrigan, A. J. Smith, Clarence Furay, Ratekin, McGrath, Whitehead, Flanagan, Kirk, Bank, Robinson, F. J. Moriarty, Coleman, Fife, Cosgrove, Bradley, Perkins, McDonald, Truckey, Herb Robinson, Burkhard, Dailey, Mahoney, Riley, Meile, Dalton, Patrick, McCreary, Read, Kinney, Ohling, Ed Smith, Waldren, Hegarty, Simpson, Bruner, Barstow, Henderson, Baldwin, Buchanan, McQuillin, Stuben, Conklin, Burnham, Foster, Thornton, Lane, J. A. Davis, Watkins, Newcomb, Frenzer, Harrigan, Gibson, Beecher, Kervan, Walker, Johnson, Mack, Wilson, Griffiths, Bohannon, Copley, Kreidler, Brougham, Brennan, Golden, Tucker, Carmody, Staley.

Benson Literary Society.

The Benson Literary society held its regular meeting at the town hall on Tuesday evening, and was largely attended.

After the regular order of business, the debate, the subject of which was: "Resolved, that the liquor license regulating the manufacture and sale of vinous, spirituous and malt liquors is detrimental to the peace, safety and prosperity of the commonwealth, and, therefore, ought to be abolished," was ably discussed by Messrs. Horton and McGinnis in the affirmative, and Messrs. B. M. Snow and W. P. Coe in the negative.

The program, which consisted of music, recitations, etc., was as follows:

Instrumental music, selected—Lohengrin ..... Mrs. W. P. Coe
Banjo solo—Home, Sweet Home ..... Mr. Charles Crane
Recitation ..... Maude Moore
Autoharp solo, selected ..... Mr. Crane
Recitation ..... Master John Wood
Vocal solo—Come Back to Erin ..... Mrs. Celia N. Wolcott
Recitation ..... Clarence Cone
Guitar solo, selected ..... Mr. Crane
Violin solo, with piano accompaniment ..... Mr. Lawrence Johnson and Mrs. Wolcott
Recitation ..... Artie McGinnis

One of the most interesting features of the evening was a dialogue at the close of the entertainment, "The Poor Cousins," the characters of which were well sustained by Miss Lottie More as Mrs. Milfleur, Miss Nettie Ryan as Maude Milfleur, Miss Emma Wood as Marion DeLorm, Mr. Guy Moore as Fred Hartley, Mr. Elmer McGinnis as Felix Hartley. The next meeting of the society will be held on Tuesday, February 13.

Violet Luncheon.

For Miss Jentie Yates, Mrs. Arthur C. Smith gave on Saturday of last week one of the very beautiful luncheons of the season. Although the guests were few the luncheon was exceedingly elaborate and rivalled similar affairs in New York and Boston which have been given in honor of the season's debutantes. The table was an artistic delight to the beholder, the shining surface being strewn with violets in riotous confusion that was wonderfully effective. The service was entirely of silver and exquisitely beautiful in one of the very latest patterns. At each cover was placed a table card, with the name of the guest written in violet ink, while in the upper left hand corner was a wishbone tied with violet ribbons. Also at each cover was placed a bunch of violets to be worn as souvenirs of a very jolly occasion, the luncheon being at 1:30. The menu was finely selected, the hostess seemingly having studied the fastidious tastes of her guests in the arrangement and service of the dishes.

The guests were: Mrs. Myron Leslie Learned, Miss Kountze, Miss Hughes, Miss Hambleton, Miss Chandler, Miss Clara Brown, the guest of honor and the fair hostess.

Kept Open House.

The Omaha Guards kept open house two evenings last week, Monday and Wednesday. Monday being the regular drill the night was spent in competitive drills, the first on the program being between platoons, the prize, a handsome silk flag donated by a lady friend of the company, for which many thanks have been expressed.

The chiefs of each platoon drew cuts for the privilege of drilling last. Lieutenant Teneyck pulled the short straw and drilled last. Each platoon was allowed thirty minutes. At the end of the drill it was conceded that the second platoon had won the flag, as their movements were like clockwork and brought forth applause from all present. Following this the men lined up for individual competition, or, in other words, an old fashioned "spell down." As soon as errors were detected the men were asked to step out. The line dwindled down to two, Sergeants Cone and Lund, and it looked very much as though the medal would be worn two weeks by one, then the other to be given a chance to wear the hard earned trophy, but finally Sergeant Cone got his gun tangled up with his feet and was asked to resign in favor of Lund, who is now "cock of the walk."

The company chaplain, Dean Gardner, made a short presentation speech and the exercises for the evening closed.

Wednesday evening the Hop club gave a camp fire and mess, which made army life very realistic; the scene was gotten up by two members of the company, and consisted of a tent with a large camp fire in front of it, the familiar kettle hanging over the fire and the guns stacked in various conspicuous places.

The early part of the evening was spent in dancing, vocal selections being given by Mr. Wood and the Guards double quartet, who sang several songs suitable to the occasion, a coronet solo by Captain Mulford being a feature of the evening.

Mess was sounded promptly at 10 o'clock, the cook having begun operations much earlier and was ready for the hungry guests, who took seats around the table made of boards placed on saw horses, each person being provided with a tin cup, a tin plate, knife and fork, the menu consisting of pork and beans, hard tack, bacon, fried potatoes and coffee.

The affair was a complete surprise to all present, and many expressed a wish to be present at the next camp fire and mess.

Two Pretty Afternoons.

Mrs. F. P. Johnson gave two afternoon parties last Wednesday and Thursday in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Loudon Charlton. The guests were entertained on Wednesday afternoon by guessing the names of plays represented by different articles. On Thursday afternoon the ladies tried to name different books which were suggested by different articles and incidents which transpired. On Wednesday Mesdames Reed and Remington presided at the table, and on Thursday Mrs. Charles Deuel and Miss Millard performed like functions.

On Wednesday the prizes were won by Miss Amy Barker, a sterling tea strainer; Mrs. Remington, a book, and Miss Gertrude Chambers, a decorated pitcher. On Thursday Mrs. C. E. Smith won a beautiful volume of "Daisy Miller;" Mrs. Charlton, a Dresden dish, and Miss Chandler, a dainty calendar. Those present were: Mrs. Kirkendall, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Rinehart, Mrs. H. Reed, Mrs. A. Hudson, Mrs. Harry McCormick, Mrs. Remington, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. G. Barker, Mrs. O. M. Carter, Mrs. Barkalow, Mrs. A. D. Carter, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Haller, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Love, Mrs. W. Redick, Mrs. McWhorter, Mrs. J. Barton, Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. H. Baldrege, Mrs. Cudahy, Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Mrs. Lyle Dickey, Mrs. McDearmon, Mrs. W. Wood, Mrs. Walter Carson, Mrs. Meikle, Mrs. M. L. Roeder, Mrs. Swobe, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. B. Barrows, Mrs. W. O. Taylor, Mrs. C. Woodman, Mrs. Wattles, Mrs. Charles Squires, Mrs. George Squires, Mrs. Oscar Williams, Mrs. Estabrook, Mrs. H. E. Baum, Mrs. David Baum, Mrs. F. Richardson, Mrs. Vaill, Miss A. Barker, Miss K. Barker, Miss Dundy, Miss Sharp, Miss I. Sharp, Miss Himebaugh, Miss Balch, Miss T. Balch, Miss Silloway, Miss Baum, Miss Hartman, Miss Mary Turner, Miss Chambers, Miss Mabel Balcombe, Miss Wakeley Miss Emily Wakeley.

A Very Pretty Wedding.

Those who were privileged to attend the wedding ceremony Tuesday evening, January 30, at All Saints Episcopal church which united in marriage Miss Valeta B. Ambrose, the accomplished daughter of Judge and Mrs. Ambrose to Mr. Brittian E. Griffiths of E. E. Bruce & Co., united in pronouncing it one of the prettiest ceremonies which has occurred in Omaha this winter. The bride upon the arm of her father, Judge Ambrose, and the grom accompanied by Mrs. Ambrose, preceded by the choir of fifty voices, of which the bride is a member, marched up the long aisle of All Saints church at 8 o'clock. The music was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, and filled the air with the sweet strains of the beautiful bridal chorus, "Lohengrin." The bride in her fresh young beauty was gowned in white crepe en train, embroidered with pearls, her long veil being caught with diamond ornaments. Mrs. Ambrose, the bride's mother, was gowned in black embroidered with mousseline-de-sole, daintily relieved by black lace trimmings, red aigrettes in her hair, and she had the appearance more of an elder sister than the mother of the beautiful bride. The Episcopal service was read by the rector, Rev. T. J. Mackey, the responses of both bride and groom being clear and distinct.

At the conclusion of the services the bride, upon the arm of the groom, followed by Judge and Mrs. Ambrose, marched down the aisle, they in turn being followed by the rector and the choir, thus rounding one of the prettiest wedings of the season.

Charming, Though Informal.

Mrs. Webster gave a very pleasant dancing party on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Turner of Chicago, who is the guest of Miss Webster. Miss Turner assisted Mrs. and Miss Webster in receiving the guests. A splendid orchestra and a waxed canvas floor added not a little to the enjoyment of the guests.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Redick, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Chase, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Miss Turner, Miss Dandy, Miss Palmer, Miss Phillips of Duluth, Miss Smith, Miss Burns, Miss Woolworth, Miss Doane, Miss Emily Wakeley, Miss Barnard, Miss Curtis, Miss Hambleton, Miss Cushing, Miss Kountze, Miss Barker, Miss Thomas, Miss Colpetzer, Mr. Turner, Mr. Heth, Mr Clapp, Mr. Redick, Mr. Chat Redick, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hines, Mr. Penn, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cudahy, Mr. Garneau, Mr. Wilson, Mr Baldridge, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Learned.

Miss Lillian Mackey Entertains.

One of the pleasant events of the week was the party given by Miss Lillian Mackey at her home, 2018 Wirt street, Wednesday evening, assisted by her sister, Miss Maud Mackey.

The parlors were handsomely decorated with palms, potted plants and graceful festoons of smilax. The greater part of the evening the guests enjoyed a spirited game of high five, after which refreshments were served. Miss Kinsler won the first prize for the ladies and Mr. Fred Goodrich was the fortunate gentleman.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Megeath. Misses Kinsler, Davis, Hobbs, Unadain, Snyder of Winterset, Ia., Lane, McLain, Mackey, Houston, Smith. Messrs. Clark, Megeath, Mathews, North, Goodrich, Schoolpy, Tate, Martin.

Prize Masquerade.

The masquerade ball given by the O. W. D. B. club at Washington hall Thursday night was very largely attended, nearly 250 couples being present. The grand march was led by Harry Sage and wife, seconded by Ed Fitch and Miss Kammerling. The first gentleman's prize, a silver shaving mug, for the best character mask, was presented to B. Hanson; the first lady's prize, a pair of opera glasses, for the best character mask, was won by Miss Henry. Two other prizes were drawn by lot. The music was furnished by the Seventh ward military band and was of a superior order of excellence.

For the Parish Aid Society.

Hillside was gay with light and color Thursday evening, upon the occasion of the "Sunflower operetta," given in honor of the Parish Aid society of Trinity, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Yates donating the use of their beautiful home for the occasion.

The house, which has been mentioned many times in these columns, was beautifully arranged so that the very large audience might see the stage, which was at the south end of the hall, either from the drawing room or the north end of the hall. The little balcony which projects from the west stairway landing, was converted into a box, while three other improvised boxes, gay in yellow ribbons, gave a decidedly theatrical appearance to the place. The decorations throughout were in green and yellow, so much a part of the color of the state.

Preliminary to the operetta there was a short musical program participated in by Miss Jentie Yates, Miss Helen Millard, Mr. Wilkins, Miss Bishop, Mrs. Cotton, who was in beautiful voice, and Mrs. Fitte, who closed the first part of the program with a Scotch ballad, sung very prettily. The drawing of the curtain on the second part revealed eight sunflowers of gorgeous hue which nodded and swayed in the most natural manner imaginable. Upon a second look one observed that the center of each flower was the face of a lovely girl, all of them having their eyes closed. Mr. Deuel, in gorgeous attire of green and yellow, stood behind them, wand in hand, with which he tapped each sleeper in her turn. With the magic touch each awoke with a note of music. Then the singing began. It consisted chiefly of short songs, the most popular one being about the "Land Where the Sunflowers Bloom," which of course brought forth hearty applause from all true-hearted Nebraskans. At the close of the little operatta a quartet was sung by Miss Jentie Yates, Miss Palmer, Miss Doane and Miss Barker. It was a lullaby, and at the end all were again asleep, and the curtain was down. The flowers were Miss Burns, Miss Mabel Balcombe, Miss Thede Balch, Mrs. Fitte, Miss Jentie Yates, Miss Palmer, Miss Amy Barker and Miss Doane.

Following the quaint and pretty conceit Miss Doane and Mr. Wilson appeared in "The Mouse Trap," that bright and clever farce, which is the piece de resistance of all amateurs. It was very charmingly given and rounded out a most enjoyable evening. After the performance supper was served and later a few of the guests joined in a waltz.

His Eightieth Birthday.

A reunion of the old settlers of the metropolis is always an interesting occasion, but the surprise given Hon. Alf D. Jones Tuesday evening on the occasion of his eightieth birthday was doubly enjoyable, for it brought together the men and women who for a quarter of a century have been making the history of Omaha. The gathering was really a surprise for Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jones having quietly planned the occasion more than a fortnight ago. Instead of a meeting of young friends, as Mrs. Jones had casually intimated to her husband might occur, it was an assembly of "ancients," but whose hearts grew young again as they lived over the stormy days when Omaha was being moulded into the form it is today. The party was really a gathering of the Old Settlers association of which Mr. Jones is president, Colonel C. S. Chase, secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Jones came to Omaha in 1853, and Mr. Jones was the first postmaster of the city, it being asserted that the octogenarian used to carry the mail about in his hat. He surveyed and platted the town and his wisdom and forethought are seen on all sides.

Among those present were: Dr. J. C. Denise, Mrs. Barkalow, Ben B. Wood, W. A. Paxton, Herman Kountze, ex-Governor and Mrs. Alvin Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Evans, Major and Mrs. George B. Armstrong, Mrs. Experience Estabrook, Colonel C. S. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rosewater, Dr. R. C. Moore, C. F. Weller, Mrs. Thomas Swobe, Mrs. E. Eddy, Mrs. James G. Megeath, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Corby, Rev. Henry W. Kuhns and Rev. Luther M. Kuhns.

Hop at the Garrison.

The dancing party given by the officers of the garrison Friday evening as a prelude to the Lenten reflection, which will be ushered in on Tuesday, although informal, was delightfully pleasant, quite a number of the ultra-fashionables of the city being in attendance. There was excellent music, which is invariably the rule where the Second infantry band plays, and the refreshments which followed were excellent, in keeping with the hospitality that is found in all army posts.

Among those present were: Major and Mrs. Worth, Major and Mrs. Humphrey, Dr. and Mrs. Titton, Mrs. Davidson, Captain and Mrs. Pickering, Lieutenant and Mrs. Webster, Lieutenant and Mrs. Benham, Lieutenant and Mrs. Wright, Captain and Mrs. Sarcen, Mrs. Porter, General and Mrs. Dandy, Colonel Bates, Dr. and Mrs. Bache; Misses Kinzie, Reece, Murray, Wakeley, Thomas, Cushing, Dandy, Webster, Dewey, Stewart, Jones, McClelland, Van Camp, Turner; Messrs. Hines, Prince, Heth, Guion, Doane, Powell, Ross, Penn, Bookmiller, Crowder, Quay, Dean, Zug, Baldridge, Garneau, Saunders, Turner.

Surprised Them at Cards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum were married ten years ago last Wednesday. They had not thought much about that day being one of their important anniversaries, but their numerous friends remembered the event and while the worthy couple were enjoying a rubber of whist a host of ladies and gentlemen, who were masked in all sorts of costumes, broke in upon them and took possession of the house. They announced their advent with loud sounding trumpets and completely surprised the bewildered couple. The guests unmasked amidst much laughter, after which they enjoyed an old fashioned "taffy pulling." A splendid supper was served and a very pleasant evening was passed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. David Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lehmer, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Congdon, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm and Mr. and Mrs. Chase.

Played High Five.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blanchard pleasantly entertained a few of their friends at their home, 2719 Poppleton avenue, Wednesday evening, January 31. High five was the order of the evening. Mrs. B. F. Hake secured the first prize, Mrs. H. L. Whitney the second, while A. J. Vierling won first gentlemen's prize and George Potwin second prize.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Somers, Dr. and Mrs. Town, Messrs. and Mesdames J. A. Hake, E. D. Van Court, Manchester, A. J. Vierling, Craig Armstrong, C. E. Bogart, T. C. Sheloy, M. R. Murphy, J. M. Warren, B. F. Hake, H. L. Whitney, L. R. Hough, George Potwin, D. O. McEwan, M. F. Blanchard, C. McVicker, Lawrence, T. M. Nottinger, Daniel Shull, L. M. Rheam, L. Korty, B. Brenholt, C. B. Horton, Frazee; Misses McEwan and Browne.

Forty Years Married.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cahn kept open house Thursday evening, many of their old friends availing themselves of the opportunity to call during the evening on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. There was delightful music by Mrs. Herzog and Mr. Martin Cahn, while vocal numbers were given by Mrs. Trauerman. Mrs. Martin Cahn and Miss Addie Cahn. Mr. Cahn, who played second violin in Omaha's first orchestra, delighted the guests by playing a number of old time selections which were so inspiriting that the guests finally arranged a Virginia reel, which was danced with all the fervor of youth. There were delicious refreshments served, the occasion being a memorable one in the lives of these two well known Omaha people.

Just Before Lent.

The Kountze Place "H. T." club met at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Parks last week for its last social evening before Lent. Progressive high five was indulged in till 11 o'clock, when elegant refreshments were served. Mrs. W. E. Riddell and Judge Ferguson took first prizes, while Mrs. C. C. Chase came in for the booby prize.

The members present were: Rev. and Mrs. J. P. D. Llwyd, Judge and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Race, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brisbin, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lewis. The invited guests were: Judge and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sears, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Van Court, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Riddell, Miss Broller, Miss Berryhill of Chicago.

Doings in Swell Circles.

Miss Hawley of Lincoln is the guest of Miss Katharine Barker.

Miss Edna Brown leaves for Sioux Falls today on a few weeks visit.

Mrs. Frank Millspaugh of Minneapolis is in town at present and will be here for a fortnight.

Mrs. W. J. Whitehouse of Magnolia, Ia., has been visiting friends in the city for the past week.

Mrs. Myron L. Learned entertained about a dozen young ladies at a kensington Monday afternoon.

Miss Baldwin of Keokuk, who has been the guest of Miss Curtis, left on Wednesday for California.

Miss Dundy, with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, returned from California on Thursday after a delightful trip.

Miss Kimball returned from Chicago on Wednesday, where she went with Mr. and Mrs. Holdrege to hear Mme. Patti.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Millard returned Wednesday from California where they have been for some time visiting the mid-winter fair.

Cards are out announcing a social hop to be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Judge Bradley, Kountze Place, next Tuesday evening.

Among the new young men this winter in Omaha society is Mr. John Cudahy, son of Michael Cudahy of Chicago. He is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cudahy.

Mrs. Charles W. Thompson received on Tuesday and Wednesday at her residence, Twenty-second and Howard, assisted by Mrs. Warner, Mrs. G. Thompson and Miss Thompson. The guests came from 3 until 6, and were delightfully entertained.

The Lyceum club gave a very pretty party at their hall Wednesday evening. Only a few were present, but all spent an enjoyable evening. The next party will be a masquerade and will be given next Wednesday evening, February 8. All friends are cordially invited to be present.

The many friends of Mr. George B. Dandy, jr., will be pleased to learn of his appointment to West Point as a cadet-at-large. Mr. Dandy is almost an Omaha boy, having spent many years here before his father's removal from Omaha and after the "exigencies of war" demanded his return.

At "Wang," on Monday evening, the boxes were well filled. In one box were noticed Mrs. Boyd, Miss McClelland Miss Emily Wakeley, Miss Thomas, Mr. Quay and Mr. Powell. In another Mrs. Dandy, Miss Webster, Miss Dandy, Captain Crowder and Mr. Dean. The officers from the post occupied a third box.

Miss Webster gave a dainty dinner Friday evening for Miss Turner, which rounded the week's festivities splendidly. The guests were: Miss Turner, Miss Dandy, Miss Cushing, Mrs. Dandy, Mr. Haines, Mr. Prince, Mr. Tenn, Mr. Dean. After the dinner the guests adjourned to the hop at Fort Omaha.

There was a very pleasant gathering at high noon last Wednesday at the house of Mrs. I. S. Hunter, 2608 North Nineteenth avenue. Those present were: Mrs. I. S. Hunter, Mrs. B. Chamberlain, Mrs. H. Tostovin of Brooklyn, Mrs. R. A. Haynes, Mrs. B. Coons, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hoffert, Mrs. Ivins, Mrs. Laura Merrow.

The elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy B. French, 4736 North Thirty-ninth street, was thrown open to the Y. E. G. Whist club last Tuesday evening. About sixteen members were present and enjoyed the games until nearly 12 o'clock, when a dainty lunch of chocolate and cake was served. Miss Edna Robertson, at Fortieth and Grand, will entertain the club on Monday evening, February 13.

A jolly coterie of Omaha's fair women were most hospitably entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Johnson, 1528 South Eleventh street, last Friday. High five was the feature of the day and prizes were awarded as follows: Mrs. Ryner first prize and Mrs. Birch booby prize. After the game luncheon was served. The ladies present were: Mesdames J. C. Kimball, Butler, Loyd, Morse, Kaufman, Dennis, Ryner and Rich. These ladies are members of the "Octagon club." A very select series of parties are to be looked for from this club.

Last Friday night the Terpsichorean club gave another of its series of dances at Erfling's hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, who were: Misses King, Sid King, Wilcox, Raymond, Campion, Shook, Thomsett, Macomber, Kellogg, Leeder, Bowman, Fowler, Dunham, Hungate, Curry, Cowles and Dodson, Messrs. Giacomini, Barstow, T. Barstow, Corby, Robinson, Potter, Willis, Halsted, Thomsett, Collett, Hamlin, Perkins, McDonald, Angell, Bolin, Squires, Van Court, Truman, Ochiltree, King, Aspinwall and Burdick.

One of the pleasant social events of the past week was a card party given at the residence of Captain and Mrs. John Wood at Benson. High five was played, the highest number of points being scored by Mr. James Murphy and Mrs. Nevens. Several vocal and instrumental numbers were given as a finale to the entertainment by Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Wolcott. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Cone, Mr. and Mrs. Nevens, Miss Nevens, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Celia N. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Maguire, Mr. and Mrs. Keller, Mr. James Murphy and Mr. Ed Trapp.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Haller entertained informally Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barton, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wheeler, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Peattie, Dr. Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Dean and Mrs. Gardner, Dr. and Mrs. Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Colpetzer, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Beall, Miss Reece, Miss Anna Millard, Miss Collins, Miss Silver, Miss Colpetzer, Miss Palmer, Miss Chase, Miss