DAWNING OF HOLY WEEK

Society Preparing to Don the Robes of Whiteness Emblematic of Eastertide.

FEATURES OF THE PAST SEVEN DAYS

Few Functions that Warrant Extended Mention—Death of Mrs. Collins—Card Parties and Small Dances Save the Fashionable World from Ennui.

Holy week is the begining of the end for society's penitential mood and already one hears of little things to be done when Easter puts a ban upon the Lenten reflection, which has only reflected by indirection. So far as the exclusive circles of society are concerned, it is a matter of record that Lent has been more strictly observed this year than upon any previous occasion. While the pace was not a particularly hot one during the pre-Lenten season the belles and beaux gladly welcomed the season of respite, and there has been little done to call out the reprimand of the church or priest. In fine, it has been a thorough season of rest and the post Lenten days will be all the more enjoyable because of the rest which followed the round of pleasures characteristic of the days previous to the dawning of Ash Wednesday.

The Mumaugh Exhibition of Paintings.

Mrs. Frances M. Mumaugh has reason to feel a measure of pride in the number of well known people who came out yesterday to inspect, at a private view, her paintings in oil and water color placed on exhibition at Whitmore's gallery. Nearly 100 studies are included in the Mumaugh collection and a number of them are so thoroughly meritorious that it is a pleasure to refer to Mrs. Mumaugh as an Omaha woman, who, by dint of hard work, conscientious effort wisely directed, has brought the art of Omaha to a higher plane than it would otheriwse have been. For several years Mrs. Mumaugh has been a careful student in matters relating to her art, and so rapid was her advancement that she decided to broaden her horizon by associating herself with W. M. Chase, one of the very best colorists in America. Under such a master the latent talent expanded, blossomed and yesterday the public had an opportunity to judge of the fruits of hard labor, sometimes giving promise of little worth, but finally reaching a perfected ensemble. Not all is good in the Mumaugh collection, and no one knows this better than the modest, unassuming artist who painted the subjects on exhibition, but there is much that is decidedly excellent, and three or four this s worthy of the fame of any of the younger school of workers with the brush. It is really noteworthy the strides Mrs. Mumaugh has made in the past two years. While she has always possessed the art instinct, she was necessarily handicapped by her environments, but she has risen above her surroundings and with her native ability wisely directed has turned out a most creditable series of subjects. Her sketches of Michigan scenery are full of beauty, and painted con amore. She shows in them a deep reverence for nature and she paints a wood, a bit of water, an old mill, with a deep feeling for the truths nature teaches through her greens, browns and blues. In short, she has caught the fleeting feeling of the scenes chosen for representation on her canvas and has expressed faithfully the moods nature sometimes shows. The old saw mill, No. 43, is a gem in its dainty coloring that seems very true to nature. It is splendid in atmosphere with excellent values; in short, a picture worthy of the painter, worthy of even a greater artist than Mrs. Mumaugh. North Scituate beach, Mars, is a marine that is full of the deep beauty of the sea, the sweep of the waves, the foam, the spray of the sea being wonderfully well done. The millrace is another quiet bit of deep green that won an instant purchaser yesterday, as well as a number of others before the exhibition is taken down. As a flower and fruit painter Mrs. Mumaugh is particularly successful, and her numberless studies of roses, grapes, violets, in both oil and water color, are upon a very high art plane. Mrs. Mumaugh has the feeling of the artist; all she needs is the artist's confidence in her ability to paint objects as she sees them.

During the hours of the exhibition there were a whole lot of people present, and the presence of a number of well known society favorites who assisted the artist made the occasion much like a levee, in which Mrs. Mumaugh came in for many well expressed compliments for her really remarkable advancement in her chosen profession.

Kountze Place Current Topic Club.

A very interesting and successful club has been meeting in Omaha every two weeks on Monday evening for over two years, yet so quiet and neighborly have been its gatherings that this is the first time The Bee has ever recorded its doings. This club is called "The Current Topic club," and is composed of Kountze Place people, who meet bi-monthly to discuss the living topics of the day. On Monday evening the subject of the regular meeting, held at the residence of W. A. Page, was "Women of the World." The program followed out on that occasion was:

The Women of the Orient.....
.....Mrs. G. W. Hoobler
Instrumental Solo .....Mrs. Pritchard
Women as Artists.....Madame Otis
Vocal Duet .....
...Mrs. Fred Lowe and Mr. O. C. Holmes
Woman as an Orator and Preacher.....
.....Mrs. W. H. Gates
Vocal Solo .....Mrs. C. W. Young
Woman as an Actress....Mrs. Spencer Otis
Instrumental Solo.....Mrs. Pritchard

The members of the club are: Mr. and Mrs. H. Laurie, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Dr. and Mrs. Christie, Mrs. George Beard, Mrs. T. J. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Otis, Mr. and Mrs. E. Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. M Eaton, Mr and Mrs. F. B. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gates, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hoobler, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Page, Mrs. C. J. Colby, Mme. Otis, Miss Edith Otis, Miss Mabel Colby and Mr. C. W. Young.

Getting Ready for the Fray.

The women of Omaha have gone to work with their usual energy to prepare for the issue of The Bee on May day. If you see a woman on the street with an important air and a notebook you may put her down at once as a canvasser for subscriptions. The men already flee from her in order to save their surplus cash to invest in men's rather than women's papers. If two or three women together are conversing earnestly you may be sure they are discussing the paper. It is already decided that woman is to be spelt with a very large W, and newspapers in general are receiving more earnest attention than ever before in this city. One prominent woman keeps a notebook, in which is a list of words new to her which she is trying to learn. The other day she was overheard asking a newspaper man "What is a scoop?" "Fake," "pi," "proof," "story," "stuff" are being added to her vocabulary, and she scans the other woman's papers with a coldly critical eye and mental resolve to excel all others.

Misses Hann Surprised by Friends.

A surprise party was given Misses Lillie and Alice Hann at their home, 1507 South Fifteenth street, Thursday evening by Miss Carrie Midgley and Miss Elizabeth Moore. After playing thirteen games of high five pretty prizes were awarded. Mr. Al Powell won the ladies' first prize, a delicate cup and saucer, and the gentlemen's first prize was taken by Mr. Guy Cramer. The booby prizes were won by Miss Blanche Iler and Mr. Fritz Marty. After the prizes were distributed dainty refreshments were served.

Among those present were: Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss Carrie Midgley, Miss Blanche Iler, Miss Bessie Hall, Miss Alice Hann, Miss Lillie Hann, Mrs. Hann, Miss Phillie Martin; Mr. Guy Cramer, Mr. Joel Wright, Mr. Charles Wright, Mr. Al Powell, Mr. Fritz Marty, Mr. Sam Davis, Mr. John McDonald, Mr. William Young and Mr. Allan Falconer.

T. P. C. Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Cross.

The cosy home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cross, on North Twenty-second street, was filled Thursday evening by the T. P. C. and its friends. High five was played the first part of the evening, Miss Josie Benson and Miss Lizzie Phillips winning the ladies' first and consolation prizes, and Mr. J. Y. Buchanan and Mr. C. Y. Butler the gentlemen's first and last prizes. During the evening addresses and music by Mr. J. Y. Buchanan, Mr Will Thacker and Mr. C. Y. Butler were enjoyed. Later refreshments, for which Mrs. Cross is noted in preparing, were served.

Those present were: Miss Minnie Hansen, Mr. J. T. Buchanan, Miss Katie Phillips, Mr. William Thacker, Miss Minnie Milland, Mr. H. Blath, Miss Lizzie Phillips, Mr. H. D. Miller, Miss Mae Reven, Mr. C. T. Butler, Miss Lena Phillips, Mr. J. D. Garrison, Miss Tina Pearson, Mr. A. B. Stokes, Miss Laura Kaubauch, Mr. H. Cross and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cross.

Patriotic Daughters of America Entertain.

The Patriotic Daughters of America gave a "poverty" or "hard times" progressive high five party at the residence of Mrs. Anna A. Hein, 831 South Nineteenth street last Thursday evening. The hospitality of the hostess and the hearty greetings of the various members of the reception committee was sufficient evidence to all that they were welcome. The parties and socials given by the Patriotic Daughters of America are productive of so much enjoyment that theey are eagerly anticipated and largely attended, the members of the order and their friends to the number of about sixty being present on this occasion to join in the festivities. When the scores were compared it was found that three gentlemen tied for the highest honors, Mr. Stokesberry receiving as the first prize a handsome collar and cuff box. Mrs. Charles Schierstein a beautiful handkerchief box as the lady's first prize. Colonel G. H. Fitch was awarded the gentlemen's "booby" prize, a match box with a card attached bearing the inscription "Scratch if you want light on the subject," Miss Laura Fisher capturing the lady's consolation prize. At 10:45 the games were called off and prizes awarded. Mr. James W. Bouk, as Joseph, in a coat of odd design, carried off the prize offered for the best gentlemen's costume, while Mrs. G. H. Fitch received the lady's prize. Refreshments were served, followed by dancing, and all present entered into the spirit of the occasion.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse White, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gwynne, Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Nellie Fisher, Miss Kittie Distelhorst, Mr. and Mrs. Will White, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bouk, Mrs. R. A. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schierstein, Mr. W. C. Bouk, Mr. Stokesberry, Mrs. Gertie McCormoc, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gamber, Mrs. A. Schierstein, Mr. J. T. Adams, Mrs. Rawitzer, Miss Mamie Rawitzer, Mr. Gentry, Mr. L. B. Morris, Miss Dora Miller, Mrs. H. C. Brown, Mr. J. E. Stockham, Miss Anna Day, Mr. Jesse Hoover, Mr. H. E. Cox, Miss Sylcott, Mr. J. H. Brookschen, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sutton, Miss Ollie Sutton, Miss Stacey, Mr. Brown Brewer, Colonel and Mrs. G. H. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. C. Winslow, Miss Laura Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Emma Fisher, Mr. W. H. Beverly, Mrs. C. Brink, Master Harry Brink, Mr. Fred Reath, Misses Alice and May Heins.

Wisconsin Musical Club Feted.

Mrs. C. S. Montgomery entertained delightfully Monday afternoon in honor of the Wisconsin University Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs. The house was decorated with the university flower, carnations and palms. The boys from Madison sang during the afternoon, and Miss Pinder, accompanied by Miss Pennock, played a violin solo. Mrs. Montgomery was assisted by Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Euclid Martin.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Lanyon, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Holdrege, Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Lunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. McGilton, Mr. and Mrs. Levitt, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas, Mr. and Mrs. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Miss Pennock, Miss Kimball, Miss Marshall, Miss Tatum, Miss Moore, Miss Rowe, Miss Bartlett, Miss Charlotte Esmond, Miss Martin, Miss Coe, Miss Gilbert, Miss Nellie Moore, Miss Lillie Moore, Miss Chapman, Miss Boulter, Miss Palmer, Miss McKell, Miss Brown, Miss Lindsey, Miss Wessells, Miss Robinson, Miss Edna Robinson, Miss Hartman, Miss Tukey, Miss Ethel Tukey, Miss Van Kuran, Miss Barker, Miss Estabrook, Miss Detwiler, Miss Pinder, Miss Curtis, Miss Towle, Miss Alexander, Miss Sadie Alexander, Miss Bradley, Miss Emma Crandall, Miss Murdock.

Death of a Pioneer.

A telegram was received in this city on Thursday announcing the death of Mrs. Gilbert H. Collins at the Hotel Melrose, New York City. Mrs. Collins, with her daughter, Miss Nettie, returned from Europe last year, and after a very short stay in Omaha returned in January to New York, and had engaged their passage for France, to sail on April 29. On her way to New York Mrs. Collins contracted a severe cold, and this eventually turned into pneumonia, which caused her death. Mrs. Collins came to Omaha in 1865 with her husband, and until his death, about fifteen years ago, made this her home. Since that event she and her daughter have spent most of their time abroad. Mr. J. S. Collins, brother of the late Gilbert H. Collins, received word last Sunday that Mrs. Collins was dangerously ill, and he left at once for New York. The news of Mrs. Collins' death will be a sad blow to her large circle of friends here, for she was a woman of rare attainments, intellectually and personally. The remains will reach here tomorrow, and the funeral will probably be held the following day. Services will be held at Trinity cathedral, of which Mrs. Collins was a member, and interment in Prospect Hill cemetery.

N. E. Club Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanford entertained the N. E. High Five club very delightfully last Saturday evening at their rooms on Sherman avenue. The rooms were tastefully arranged with cut flowers and potted plants. Easter lilies predominated. The score cards were decorated egg shells, hung by dainty ribbons. Eleven games were played and prizes awarded. Mr. O. C. Madison and Mrs. L. R. Hough gained first prizes, and Mr. L. R. Hough and Mrs. M. G. Kibbe the consolations, after which a surprise was brought forth in the form of a bag full of comic souvenirs of the occasion. A substantial Easter lunch was then served.

The members present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Will Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Madison, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kibbe and Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilcox.

Guests of the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Langan and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hough. It has been decided this was the last club party the N. E. club will give this season, so they have adjourned until next winter.

Oklahomas Entertained in Council Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dudley, 2305 Avenue A, Council Bluffs, entertained the Oklahomas at high five Friday evening, and a most delightful time was had. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Benton, Mr. and Mrs. William Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Al Powell, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Reckard, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Hopper, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Parkhurst, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sidwell, Mrs. A. L. Payne, Miss Patterson, Miss Ola Payne, Miss Maud Payne, Miss Kate Powers, Miss Belle Norland, Miss Allie Powers and William Anderson. The ladies' first prize was taken by Mrs. T. P. Mahoney, and the gentlemen's first prize was secured by Mr. Alex Buchanan. The ladies' booby prize went to Miss Allie Powers and the gentlemen's consolation was proudly taken care of by Mr. T. P. Mahoney. After cards came a fine lunch, and then, as is the custom with this club, the evening was finished with dancing and singing.

Sixth Birthday Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hamlin was brilliantly illuminated last Thursday afternoon and evening, it being their little daughter's 6th birthday. Miss Dottie received many pretty presents from her friends. About thirty little people were present, ranging from 4 to 8 years, and a happy time was enjoyed by the children. Very delicate refreshments were served during the festivities.

Among those present were: Willie Hamilton, Gertie Meck, Inez Patterson, Will Sinch, Irene Butler, Jennie Hamilton, Jay Pare, Virginia Ranson, Laura Nelson, Willie Hamlin, Ella Sinch, Ed Raymond, Rosie Hamilton, Ray Cott, Francis Meck, Mary Jenecky, Eda Patterson, Matt Pare and Will Cott.

Entertainment in North Omaha.

A number of North Omaha young people were very pleasantly entertained by Miss Nettie Martin at her home, 2574 Spaulding street, Friday evening. Several games were played, after which the evening was spent in dancing until a late hour, when refreshments were served. The music was furnished by Messrs. Baxter, Jones and Paulsen of the Keystone orchestra.

Those present were: Misses Rosa Goodman of Blair, Cora Schultz, Maude De Vine, Ada Norris, Lulu Ochsenbein, Louisa Born, Phillips Born, Agnes Moran, May Dick, Fannie Ballenger, Lizzie Nichols, Lora Martin, Nettie Martin; Messrs. Harry Standard, Will Baxter, M. A. Jones, A. O. Paulsen, Lester Bocock, Charles Baldwin, Gustave Born, Otto Born, Elmer Ochsenbein, Samuel Ochsenbein, Edward Lafferty, Arthur Hathaway, Fred Tibke, Irvin Gilmore, George Bowyer, A. W. Underhill, Frank Harrison, Charles Martin, Alonzo Anthony, A. E. Ellis, Fred Anthony, Walter Eaton, Fred Martin and Thomas Hazen.

His Twenty-Fourth Birthday.

Mrs. M. G. Arnout gave a high five party Thursday evening for her husband, it being his 24th birthday. The older folks played high five, while the young people passed the time with chatting and music.

Miss Sheilds, Miss Walker, Miss Donahue and Mrs. Arnout favored the company with solos, which were enjoyed.

Miss Bell accompanied the old college song, sung with spirit by all present.

Those present were: Mrs. Alvord, Mrs. Harpoon, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Brewington, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Schindler, Miss Schindler, Miss Walker, Miss Bell, Miss Mathis, Miss Sheilds, Miss Brewington, Mrs. Parkins, Miss Parkins, Charles Evans, P. J. Wyman, J. C. Arnout, Mrs. E. J. Arnout, Fred Arnout, Misses Newton, Robert Forgan, W. H. Ahmanson, George Cox, Arthur Sheilds, Mr. and Mrs. Scoot, Miss Scoot, Mr. Whitehead, J. Redfield, Miss Donahue, Mr. Truman and Miss Emma Arnout.

Birthday Surprise Party.

Among the gayeties and festivities of the past week the surprise party tendered Mr. Herman Freedman by his wife at the Hotel Drexel last Friday evening proved a complete and successful affair in every particular, being very cleverly planned and executed. The party was given in commemoration of Mr. Freedman's 63d birthday anniversary, and he was the recipient of a number of handsome gifts as mementos of the occasion. Cards furnished amusement until a late hour, when, after a substantial lunch was served, each guest was presented with a lovely birthday calendar, with an appropriate verse befitting their natal day. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Seligsohn, Mr. and Mrs. M. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rehfeld, Madame Hess-Fuchs, Mrs. G. Heyn, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cahn, Mr. and Mrs. F. Loewe, Mrs. J. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brandeis, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brandeis, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Harte, Mr. E. E. Hirsh, Mr. Girard Freedman, Master Girard Freedman.

Annual Reception of Golden Hour Club.

The Golden Hour club, No. 439, gave its second annual reception Saturday, March 30, at the club rooms, 1910 North Thirty-ninth street. Delightful music from violin and zither, played by C. S. Springborg, J. Springborg and L. Ader, was enjoyed by all. Dancing was the principal diversion of the evening.

Among those present were: Misses Bressman, Sage, Hender, Bailey, Snyder, Shepard, Kline, Bailey, Paul, Mears, Sadie Spainhart, Spainhart, Gwinner, Faber, Marie Hopkins, Farkle, Burnine, Bennett, Fabon, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Burnine; Messrs. Albert Stevens, Christenson, Bressman, Messersmith, Springborg, Carlson, Stevens, Farkle, Kline Stevens, Campton, Charles Springborg, Stoney, Ader, Peterson, Jess Springborg, Ritter, Hans Jacobson, Ernest Jacobson, and Dine.

Surprised the Professor.

The fifth anniversary of Prof. and Mrs. MacCormac's wedding, on the evening of March 30, was celebrated by the faculty and about twenty-five students of the Omaha Business college, who, actuated by true friendship and regard, successfully surprised Prof. MacCormac and his wife, resulting in it being one of the most pleasant events of the season. After a delightful evening, in which toasts, readings and songs intermingled, light refreshments were served, and the party separated, not, however, until numerous substantial tokens of their regard and esteem were left behind.

Thurston Rifles at the Commercial Club

Upon invitation from the Commercial club the Thurston Rifles attended their reception last Thursday evening, and enjoyed an excellently prepared program of music and recitations. Near the conclusion of the program the company favored its friends with a short exhibition drill, which called forth long applause. The young soldiers remained the balance of the evening as guests of the club, and enjoyed their generous hospitality in the way of refreshments, dancing and a general good time.

Chat of Social Folk.

John W. Paul is in Indianapolis on business.

Mrs. F. B. Weaver went to Chicago Tuesday.

Ex-Senator Paddock was in Omaha last week.

Colonel D. W. Benham, U. S. A., is a guest at the Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Drake have returned from Chicago.

Victor H. Paul is the proud father of a ten-pound boy.

Mrs. D. T. Stubbs spent last week most enjoyably in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hopkins arrived this week for a short visit.

Miss Nellie Moore is improving after a severe attack of la grippe.

Mrs. J. L. Kennedy left yesterday to spend the summer in California.

Miss Belle Richardson of Davenport was in town a few days last week.

Miss Laziar of Denver is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Wilbur.

Mrs. G. B. Tzschuck left yesterday for a visit of a week in Topeka.

Miss Ilingwalt has returned from Chicago, where she attended the opera.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, a daughter, last Friday, March 29.

Miss Nellie Day will accompany her sister, Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, to California.

Mrs. H. P. Whitmore and daughter, Eugenie, have returned from a visit in Chicago.

Miss Mellona Butterfield of Hastings is visiting at the residence of Colonel Chase.

Miss Bailey, who has been spending the winter in Texas, returned to Omaha on Monday.

Mrs. Thomas J. Rogers is in St. Louis visiting her sister, Mrs. Latey, and taking in the opera.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vail have moved from the Merchants hotel to 819 North Forty-second street.

Mrs. Outcalt, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Baum, returned to her home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wattles have taken the house formerly occupied by Mr. Offutt on Thirty-ninth street.

Dr. R. N. Connell and family have taken their old family residence at 614 North Twenty-first street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Offutt have moved into their new residence, which has lately been finished.

Miss Tewelles of Milwaukee, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cohn, returned home Monday.

Miss Van Patton of Davenport arrived Friday and will be the guest of Miss Barnard for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Templar have changed their residence from South Nineteenth to 2234 Lake street.

Miss Scott, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. M. Richardson, returned to her home in Illinois Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady and Miss Cady are spending this week in Paris. They expect to sail on the 20th for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck of Chicago were last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wanner at the Madison hotel.

Mr. George McCornick and Miss Alice McCornick left Thursday morning for El Paso, Tex., and will return in a month.

Admiral Jones of the United States navy was in town last week, the guest of his nephew, Mr. Corby, at the Madison.

The Bishop Kemper Ten of All Saints' church met at Mr. Manchester's residence Friday night, and had a most enjoyable time.

The many friends of Miss Annie E. Hallock in Omaha will be delighted to learn that she is soon to return to this city as the bride of Mr. Horton H. Harder. Miss Hallock is at present with her sister in Boston, where the wedding will take place the latter part of May.

Mrs. W. S. [illegible] and daughter, Vivian, who have been visiting Mrs. C. F. Scovil, Chicago, for the past ten days, are at home again.

Union Pacific council No. 1069, Royal Arcanum, will give a dancing party at Odd Fellows hall, 110 North Fourteenth street, April 15.

Mr. Howard Baldrige and Mr. Joseph Baldrige have returned from Hollidaysburg, where they went to attend the funeral of their father.

Edwin T. Swobe, who has been with the Omaha National bank for some time, leaves for Chicago shortly to represent the Worcester Salt company.

The Trilby club, the latest social organization, is making arrangements for its May party, to be given at Morand's Dancing academy, Friday evening, May 10.

Miss Emma Chattle, formerly of this city, has gone to New York to reside. The best wishes of a host of friends go with Miss Chattle into her new home.

Garfield circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, will give a progressive high five party Thursday evening, April 11, at the residence of Mrs. Clara Ellett, 1017 North Sixteenth street.

Miss Downs, who has been visiting her sister at Mapleton, returned on Monday, and was the guest of Miss Jessie Millard until Thursday, when she left for St. Louis to attend the opera.

Mr. Alonzo H. Stewart of Des Moines, who for eighteen years has held a position as confidential messenger in the United States senate, Washington, is in Omaha, the guest of Dr. Victor Rosewater.

Mrs. S. G. V. Griswold and sister, Miss Fannie Coburn, returned from Chicago yesterday, where they have been for several days, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Richards, at the Palmer house.

Lieutenant A. M. Edwards, Third infantry, stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn., is enjoying a two weeks' leave with his mother at 3012 Sherman avenue, and renewing a number of old acquaintances.

The ladies of the Creche board received the friends of that institution last evening from 7 to 10. Light refreshments of coffee and sandwiches were served, the proceeds to be devoted to the recent renovations made in the house.

The marriage of Miss Fanny Norton, niece of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Skidmore, to Mr. Gerard P. VanMornick, will be solemnized on Wednesday, April 10. Mr. and Mrs. VanMornick will be at home after July 1, at Callejon dl'Alrany, No. 1, City of Mexico.

Mr. Georges Chatelain read a charmingly clever French play yesterday morning at the residence of Mrs. John L. Webster, "Le Rapide de P. Z. M.," by Jacques Normand. These meetings have been so eminently successful that Mr. Chatelain will commence another series next week.

The death of Mrs. S. S. Senna, wife of the chief clerk to Traffic Manager J. S. Knox of the Cudahy Packing company, who died suddenly on Friday, has occasioned most profound sympathy for Mr. Senna. Yesterday morning the remains were taken to St. John's, Mo., for interment.

The Oxford club met at its club rooms last Wednesday evening. Officers were elected, as follows: W. E. Cardwell, president; C. N. Forbes, vice president; James E. Paul, secretary, and F. S. Newcombe, treasurer. The club will give their farewell dancing party next Wednesday evening.

The Japanese tea on last Saturday at Mrs. Hamilton's was a very enjoyable affair. The house was prettily decorated with Japanese fans, lanterns, etc. The Misses Hamilton, Knox, Cook, Norton and Ruth were dressed in Japanese costume, and Miss Knox sang sweetly several Japanese songs.

At the home of Mrs. E. H. Corbett, Seventeenth and Cass streets, last Monday evening, twenty-five friends gathered at a novel "hunting party," given in honor of Miss Tessie O'Toole, one of South Omaha's charming young ladies, who has just returned from Peru Normal school to visit her friends and parents.

The following young ladies were entertained by Miss Martin last Monday evening at dinner and occupied boxes at the Glee club concert in Council Bluffs afterward: Miss Rowe, Miss Pinder, Miss Esmond, Miss Gilbert, Miss Bartlett, Miss Martin, Miss Robinson, Miss Edna Robinson, Miss Ethel Tukey, Miss Towle, Miss Murdock, Miss Gray; Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery chaperoned the box parties.

In honor of her niece, Miss Knight, and of Miss Cleaveland of Denver, Mrs. Coutant gave a very pretty yellow luncheon Wednesday of last week. The table was most spring-like in yellow tulips, and everything corresponded to the colors of the flowers. Those present were: Miss Knight, Miss Cleaveland, Miss Cholwell of Connecticut, Miss Cook, Miss McKell, Miss Brown, Miss Sargent and Miss Scott.

At their cozy home at Seventeenth and Charles streets Mr. and Mrs. Sackett gave a pleasant high five party last Thursday evening. Cards were played until a late hour, when dainty refreshments were served. The prizes were won by Mr. Crane and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Crane and Mr. Ware. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Union, Mr. C. H. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Weeth and Miss Roeder.

The Sutorius Mandolin club are preparing a most delightful program for the entertainment to be given at the Pink opening at Wilcox & Draper's next Thursday evening. Among the numbers to be rendered will be Isabella, from "1492;" Flower Waltz; Sousa marches; Gaiety march; Love's Dream, After the Ball; Spanish dances; serenades; songs without words, etc. Great preparations are making by the proprietors for this Easter opening in pink, and it promises to be one of the most novel entertainments ever witnessed in this city.

A very enjoyable surprise party was given in honor of Mr. Charles Baldwin at his home Thursday evening. Dancing, games and music filled up the hours of the evening, after which an elegant repast was served. Those present were: Misses Edna and Mabel Adams, May Dick, Gertie Standard, Lulu Heyl, Fannie Hanlet, Jessie Winslow, Terra Tierney, Minnie Purcy, Minnie Weasa, Fannie Ballenger, Claudie Duncan, Susie Farnsley, Cloris and Lucy Baldwin; Messrs. Miller, Rutlege, Malloy, McKenny, Lipsey, Dodson, E. C. Ochsenbein, S. Ochsenbein, Gates, Standard, G. Boyer, J. Spect and Baldwin.

On Thursday evening, April 4, Miss Blanche Howland, assisted by Miss Orie Abbott, gave a very pleasant party to a number of her friends at her home on South Thirty-second avenue. Dancing was the popular amusement of the evening, interspersed by many delightful games. Later in the evening lunch was served. Those present were: Misses Dorothy Ketchum, Madge Leard, Edna Martin, Claire Northrup, Grace Northrup, Louise McNair, Rena Jensen, Edith Burr, Anna Searle, Orie Abbott, Fannie Howland and Blanche Howland; Messrs. George Fowler, Ralph Shepard, Ward Baker, Roy Burr, Walter Roberts, Irving Slater, George Hoerner, Frank Searle, Walter Cost, Gordon Raymond, Fayette Leard and Harry Fisher.

The Rainbow drill, under the direction of Mrs. Wertz, was given in Metropolitan hall last Tuesday evening and was a great success. The program was opened with a piano solo by Miss Bonner, followed by some exceedingly pretty fancy dancing by Bessie Brady and Viola Cahn. Both of these fairy like dancers received hearty applause. Following this was the rainbow drill, and very graceful and pretty was this novel entertainment. Mrs. Wertz led the young ladies and their various movements in the march were well executed and their costumes added much to the effect. Mrs. Wertz deserves great praise for the manner in which she trained the young ladies, and all who attended were delighted with the entertainment.

M. Vishnegredsky Is Dead.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 6.—Privy Councillor Vishnegredsky died today.

FOR THE THOMAS FESTIVAL

Arrangements Being Perfected for the Visit of the Chicago Orchestra.

INTERESTING RECITAL AT MOMAN'S CLUB

Musical Events Announced for the Near Future—Flattering Prospects for the Butler Testimonal Benefit—Chat of Well Known Musicians.

For the information of the public the following announcement is made: The prices for the recitals of the Chicago orchestra will be for reserved seats, 75 cents to $1.50, according to location; season tickets, $4 each; boxes, $7.50 to $12 each. It is probable that the boxes will be sold at auction.

All who want good seats should subscribe now. Solicitors are canvassing the city, but they cannot see all who will want to go. So purchasers are urged to leave their orders with Mr. Adolph Meyer, Fifteenth and Farnam streets. The regular sale of seats will be at Mr. Meyer's music store. Season tickets will be sold April 12; subscribers' single tickets April 13 and 15; general public April 16 and after.

Wednesday afternoon a very large audience assembled in the Woman's club rooms to listen to the recital given by the musical department. The literary character of the entertainment was presented by Mr. Homer Moore in an instructive address on the development of song. Mr. Moore made a broad survey of the subject from the earliest tonal forms to the developed tone poem of a Schuman or a Schubert. He showed familiar acquaintance with the folk song of all nations, giving the characteristic rythmical features which distinguished the Spanish, Hungarian, Servian, French and negro folk song, dwelling at some length upon the American songs as developed by Dvorak in his symphony "From the New World," referring to Dvorak's use of the negro melody so as to make a most enchanting orchestration. Mr. Moore also prefaced the songs sung illustrative of the subject by giving a brief description of their theme and place in the world of song. Mrs. Martin Cahn produced a most pleasing effect in the first number, illustrating the German lied by that gem of Schubert's, "To Be Sung on the Waters." The graceful accompaniment played by Mr. Cahn gave a dainty coloring to her rich and sympathetic voice. She sang with artistic feeling and with a comprehension of the values in the composition. Mrs. MacLaren's two numbers, "The Quest" and "He Loves, He Loves Me Not," both fine songs and excellently sung. Mrs. MacLaren's deep contralto voice possesses the combination of sweetness and great depth of tone. The piano solos, the andante of Beethoven and the etude by Czerny, were played by Miss Alice Chase. The andante was especially suited to the accurate and conscientious style of Miss Chase, her well modulated tone revealing the careful student. The etude, a vivacious study, was executed with abandon. Mrs. Cahn again delighted the audience by superbly singing two more of Schubert's songs, and for an encore "My Bonnie Lad in Blue." The hour was brought to a close by a most charming rendering of "Annie Laurie" by the Mozart quartet, consisting of Mr. Fred S. Abel, Mr. R. B. Sunderland, Mr. James Adams and Mr. C. A. Hoffman, who sang with sympathy and beauty of expression. The enthusiasm of the audience demanded an encore, which was graciously responded to with "Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid."

The church choir directory of New York numbers between 400 and 500 pages. Many churches here and in neighboring towns depend largely upon one bureau. The manager, an accomplished musician and veteran choir singer, is in personal touch with all choir lofts. He personally examines all applicants for enrollment on his books. She may sing a scale, ballad or anything she chooses to reveal the quality and scope of her voice. Questions as to ability to read music follow, but the test is left to the organist or choir master before whom she may be summoned. Satisfied with the applicant's ability, her name, on the receipt of $5, is enrolled on the book for one year. When churches apply or the manager learns of vacancies he looks over his books and sends the material he thinks will be most likely to meet the requirements. A most trying ordeal is the competitive tests before the organist, choir master and the church musical committee. The contestant rarely does herself justice. Out of fifty perhaps three will be chosen for the final selection. Women in the arts, as in the trades, are prone to lower the rates of compensation. Fearing failure in the final contest of merit alone, they frequently do not hesitate to undersell a rival. The musical committees of most churches are generally business men. The lowest priced singer, other things being about equal, stands a good chance of winning. Deep contralto voices are most difficult to find. Mezzo-soprano takes this place in most choir work. Comparatively few singers of good natural voices read music readily. To be able to read at sight and transpose compensates in the judgment of the organist and choir masters for many vocal defects. A reliable reader of inferior voice is more likely to get a good salaried position than an unreliable reader of superior voice. One hundred and fifty dollars is the lowest salary paid a solo singer, $1,500 the highest, except at Dr. Paxton's church, where Clement de Vere receives $3,500. Chorus singers average from $2 to $5 a Sunday. Funerals, weddings and special services often swell the amount. The chorus singers in the Church of the Incarnation, of which the brother of the late Bishop Brooks is pastor, receive $250 a year. There are twenty. The quartet are paid $1,000 each, while the leader has an equal salary. The best paid quartet in New York is at Dr. Paxton's church. Each receives $30 a Sunday. So great is the desire of church singers to secure metropolitan positions that a Boston soprano of finest quality has just resigned an enviable place to accept $800 at Dr. Parkhurst's church.

Everything points to a large audience Wednesday evening at Boyd's on the occasion of the testimonial concert to Mr. Herbert Butler, who, for several years, has directed the Boyd orchestra. The program is rich in novelty and is as follows:

Overture—Merry Wives of Windsor.....
..... Nicolai
Orchestra.
Violin Solo—Ballade et Polonaise.....
..... Vieuxtemps
Herbert Butler.
Septetto (arr. as quintet)—Allegro con Spirito ..... Hummel
Mr. Cahn, piano; Mr. Butler, violin; Mr. Sauerwein, viola; Mr. Letovsky, 'cello; Mr. Pierce, bass.
Song—Staccato Polka ..... Mulder
Mrs. Herbert Butler.
Petite Valse—Flirtation..... Steck
Serenade Enfantine ..... Bounand
String Orchestra.
PART II.
Aria—C'era una Volta un Principe, from Il Guarany ..... Gomez
Mrs. Martin Cahn.
Piano Solo—Andante Spianato Polonaise
..... Chopin
(String quintet accompaniment.)
Mme. Muentef