SOCIETY UNDER A CLOUD

Gloom of the Lenten Season Continues to Reign.

PEOPLE OBSERVE FORTY DAYS OF FASTING

Putting on Garbs of a Quiet Hue, They Seek the Seclusion of Their Churches and Their Homes.

The quiet that has reigned in social circles since the beginning of Lent still continues; and, what is more, it will reign supreme until after the singing of the Easter carols. Of course not all of the people of the city recognize Lent as a season of fasting and prayer, nor do all of the men and women dress themselves in sackcloth and put on long faces, yet the tendency is to abstain from many of the fashions and frivolities that prevail during the other 325 days of the year.

There was a time in this town when Lent marked a season for fun that was fast and furious, but the people who set that pace in the days gone by no longer remain. They have gone west and places which knew them once know them no more. It is not presumed that people are growing more religious as the years roll along, but each succeeding year there seems to be more of an inclination to observe the forty days during which Christ fasted in the wilderness, prior to the crucifixion.

While last week was absolutely devoid of functions of an important character, there were numerous kensingtons, card parties and socials that helped to while away the time of those who do not strictly observe the season that for nearly two centuries had thrown gloom over social festivities.

Again and again has the question been asked, why is it that so many people of supposed gentility and refinement so frequently behave with such an extreme lack of consideration for their fellow passengers, when riding in a street car? They certainly seem, in many cases, to have left their manners behind them, as a trifle too good for the company they are in. Both men and women are guilty of this sin. The actions of so-called ladies, in return for courtesies shown them, have laid them open to the severe criticism of the sterner sex.

Some women actually walk the length of the street car staring each man out of countenance as they pass, to force them, as it were, to give place to them.

When a woman is politely offered a seat, she should make a graceful acknowledgment, by a bow and "thank you"—instead of sinking into it without acknowledgment of any kind. The man should appear to be glad to have the opportunity of being of service to one of the fairer sex.

A chivalrous spirit is often shown by the workingman, who has been toiling for ten long hours, earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, and when he enters at the terminus of the road and finds a comfortable seat, for probably the first time that day, it would seem too much to expect him to resign it and give place to some butterfly of fashion, who is as fresh as in the early morning hours, yet he does it with good grace. Should he not have the good fortune to make his sacrifice for a woman, it may probably be accepted with a nonchalant air and as her rightful due from an inferior. Then, when room is made later on by the exit of some passenger who was seated next her, the fair dame will complacently spread her voluminous draperies over the vacant seat, instead of insisting that the tired man, standing patiently in front of her, dinner pail in hand, should resume his seat; nay, sometimes she will attain the extreme of rudeness by beckoning her attendant cavalier to place himself beside her, instead of restoring the seat to its rightful owner.

Too often the woman who looks daggers at every man in the car, if she does not meet with the courtesy she considers due her, is not the one to move, when she has a seat herself, to make place for another woman, although there may be plenty of room. No, indeed, she prefers to see the polite man opposite give the seat he has paid for, while she occupies two places, one of which she has not paid for.

Megeath-Miller.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. Samuel A. Megeath of this city was married to Miss Adelaide Sibley Miller of Franklin, Pa. Miss Miller was one of the most popular young society women of Franklin, and the event by which she united her future with Mr. Megeath is described as one of more than usual note in society circles. The ceremony occurred in the First Baptist church of Franklin, which was most elaborately decorated. The pulpit platform was covered with a tasteful arrangement of palms, wild smilax, daffodils and Easter lilies, banked to the height of about fifteen feet. Interspersed throughout this flowery cluster were multitudes of sparkling electric lights. In front of the position occupied by the officiating clergyman was a white prie-dieu, trimmed with asparagus vine and daffodils, and two down pillows fastened by broad bands and bows of yellow ribbon. Large bunches of daffodils flanked the pews in which the members of the families of the bride and groom were seated, and these pews divided from the rest by long strips of yellow ribbon. The aisles were crashed, and a canopy extended from the street to each of the two entrances to the church, one for the guests and the other for the bridal party.

About 1,500 invitations were issued and the church was filled to the aisles. William E. Heathcote of this city acted as best man and the bridesmaids were Misses Grace Dixon of Chicago, Mame Kennerdell, Lida Lamberton and Celia Sibley of Franklin. The ceremony was performed according to the beautiful ritual of the Episcopal church and was followed by a reception at the Nursery club. Mr. and Mrs. Megeath will be at home at their residence on South Thirty-second street in this city after April 15.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mathis Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mathis entertained the Happy Home Card club at their residence last Wednesday evening, this being the last of a series of very enjoyable parties given during the past few months. Progressive high five was indulged in by the members. Mrs. J. F. Meyer, winning the largest number of games, was presented with a handsome celluloid calendar. Mr. F. M. Calhoun and Mr. C. A. Lewis, having won an equal number of games, were obliged to cut for the gentlemen's first prize, a very useful gift, an ivory paper knife, and it fell to the lot of Mr. Lewis. Mr. Howard Lipsey was given a rabbit's foot, and Mrs. A. P. Liddell a little baby in a shoe as consolation prizes and mementos of the occasion. During the evening refreshments were served, and those present spent a very enjoyable evening.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ostrander, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Liddell, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bouk, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Connoran, Mrs. T. C. Livingston, Howard Lipsey, Mr. F. M. Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyer, Chauncy Hapsey, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lewis, Miss Rose Weeks, Mill Lillie Bath, W. C. Bouk, Lue Pomeroy and others.

Mrs. Yost's Kensington.

Mrs. C. E. Yost gave a very informal, but very enjoyable kensington on Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss Jenness, who is visiting her. Placed about the rooms were advertisements, which were to be guessed by those present.

Prizes were won by Miss Ella Allen, who received a dainty purse, Miss Sargent, who received a pretty empire fan, and Miss Baldwin was consoled by a box of bonbons.

Those present were: Miss Jenness, Miss Ella Allen, Miss Saida Allen, Miss Sargent, Miss DeVor, Miss Buck, Miss Squires, Miss Baldwin, Miss Morse and Miss Allen.

An Evening with Cards and Music.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Storz celebrated Mrs. Storz's birthday by giving a musicale and card party to a number of friends. The house was beautifully adorned for the occasion with carnations, La France and American beauty roses.

After a well selected program of vocal and instrumental solos, rendered by Miss Lydia and Henrietta Meyers, Miss Minna Storz, Mr. Marc Flothow and Mr. William H. Schmoller, high five was played.

The first prize, a handsome smoking set, was won by Mr. William H. Schmoller; the second, a fine meerschaum cigar holder, by Mr. Charles F. Weymuller. Miss Emma Bihler received the ladies' first prize, a cut glass bottle of perfume; Miss Bertha Storz received second and Mrs. M. Flothow, third prize.

The guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Fr. Meyer, Charles F. Weymuller, M. Flothow, John Buck, Misses Emma Bihler, Lydia Meyer, Henrietta Meyer, Bertha Storz, Mrs. E. Schipperelt, Bihler, Mr. Charles Storz and Mr. William H. Schmoller.

Hard Times Party.

A surprise party was given last Wednesday evening as a greeting to Mrs. H. P. Jensen, on her return from Florida. It was called a hard times party, and judging from the tatter costumes of wool, gingham and real cotton lace, it certainly looked like hard times.

Mrs. Morse read an original poem upon the hardships and deprivations endured by Mrs. Jensen's friends. The refreshments seemed to be relished, if they were served upon cracked plates, with tin spoons.

The ladies' prize for the best make-up was awarded to Miss May Her, a red calico apron, with yellow ribbon bows. The gentleman's prize was carried off by Mr. Bebe.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rees, Mr. and Mrs. Withnell, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Hervy Morse, Mrs. S. P. Morse, Mrs. Libby, Miss Brass, Miss May Her, Miss Edith Her, Miss M. Lowe, Miss B. Lowe, Miss Kruger, Miss Withnell, Miss Simons, Prof. Crowley, Mr. Prebe, Mr. Little, Mr. Potter, Mr. Morse, Mr. Peckham, Mr. Marbury, Mr. Burr, Mr. Long.

They Surprised Him.

A surprise party was tendered to Abram Kalish by the members of the Fellowship club and their female friends last Sunday evening in honor of his twenty-third birthday. On behalf of the Fellowship club, Mr. Emile Kretch presented Mr. Kalish a handsome gold locket. The evening was spent with music and social games, but the inner man was not forgotten and it was early morn ere the party broke up.

The following were present: Mr. Ginsberg, Mr. Kalokotsky, Mr. Rosencranz, Mr. Blotcky, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. Cohn, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Fielschman, Mr. Abe Greenblatt, Mr. Harry Greenblatt, Mr. Abrams, Mr. Stone, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Kendis, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kretch, Mr. Schlank, Miss Cohn, Miss Lang, Miss J. Robinson, Miss R. Robinson, Miss Meyer, Miss Brown, Miss T. Cohn, Miss Greenblatt, Miss Harris, Miss Bower, Miss Kalish, Miss Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Hesseberg, Mr. I. Brown, Mrs. Cohn.

Hyperion Surprise Party.

An enjoyable party was given by the Hyperion club last Saturday evening in honor of Leon Coulter, who was about to leave for Cripple Creek, Colo. Dancing and card playing were the principal amusements of the evening. Miss Emma Laux, Miss Nellie Gregg, Miss Eugenie Mackin and Master Frank Coulter rendered piano selections, which were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Coulter, Miss Laux and Mrs. Houk assisting.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Houk, Eugenie Mackin, Minerva Ryley, Mary Goerne, Katie Ryan, Matilda Wagner, Marguerite Ryan, Luella Wagner, Mary Hamer, Nellie Hamer, Marie Armstrong, Ester Beeman, Nellie Newton, Glennie Crosby, Eleanor Gregg, Adele Ryan, Mamie Heins and Grace Laux from Trinidad, Colo.; Messrs. Leon Coulter, George Shaw, John Wagner, Ed Wagner, Roger Gregg, Allen Parmer, Thomas Hodgin, Ralph Deverel, Hal Howe and Will Andersen.

Entertained for Miss Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weber, jr., entertained a number of their friends last Thursday evening at progressive high five in honor of Miss Gertrude Weber of Wayne, Neb. Fourteen games were played, Miss Grace Montgomery and Mr. Gus Bondesson receiving the royals, and Mrs. A. C. Victors and Mr. Bachus the consolations. Supper was served at midnight.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Bachus, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weber, sr., Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pulta, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Victors, Captain and Mrs. B. Frank Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. John Bondesson, Mrs. A. C. Griffen, Misses Lillian Bondesson, Gertrude J. Weber of Wayne, Grace Montgomery; Messrs. Gus and Carl Bondesson, Ed Sullivan of Wayne, Neb., and John Paul.

Surprise for Clarence Thurston.

Mrs. John M. Thurston planned a very enjoyable and successful surprise in honor of her son, Clarence, for Thursday evening. A merry throng of his friends met at the home of Carl Connell and from there they went in a body to Thornwald, where the surprise was genuine.

A most pleasant evening was spent at dancing and games. Delicious refreshments were served. Among the guests were noticed: Misses Marion Day, Bell Goldsmith, Laura Hunter, Clara Schroeder, Ri Orcutt, Alice Weller, Mary Wood, Georgia Kennard, Gertrude Macomber, Josephine Biart, and Messrs. Robert Towne, James Goetz, Will Chambers, Kenneth Evans, Harry Lindsey, Ben Cotton, Carl Connell, Will Godsoe, Cuscaden and Robert Hunter.

Mrs. White's Kensington.

A thoroughly enjoyable kensington was given by Mrs. S. H. White last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. White expects to leave very soon for Cleveland, O., where she will reside in the future, and in order that her friends might have a pleasant leavetaking, she invited a number of them to her home, where the hours were passed very pleasantly. The curtains were drawn and the gas lighted, giving the interior of the rooms a cheerful twilight appearance. The chandeliers were festooned with smilax, and about the house were placed cut flowers and potted plants. The tables were decorated with ferns and carnations. Lunch was served at 2 o'clock, covers having been laid for the thirty guests.

An Agreeable Surprise.

An agreeable surprise was that perpetrated on the Misses Freser at their home on Tuesday evening. A delightful evening was spent at high five, followed by music and recitations. At 11:30 refreshments were served.

Those present were. Mesdames Freser, R. Kern, D. Johnston and T. Hough, Misses Annie and May Gentleman, Ethel and Helen Spencer, Maggie and Gracie Kern, Swanson, Kittie Owens, Maggie Kilday, Josie and Jennie Fraser, Messrs. D. Johnston, R. Kern, T. Hough, A. Moore, F. Behen, P. F. Cusack, C. Donough, O. Carrabine, A. Bronson, C. Spencer, J. Mack, Dr. Messerney, E. McClory, W. Stoneburg, Mr. Gentleman.

Mrs. Hall's Rainbow Party.

One of the novel entertainments of the week was the rainbow party given on Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hall at their pretty home. On entering the parlor a long rainbow, made of bunting, showing the seven colors in the rainbow, was specially noticeable. It was something like a cobweb party and the different colors were followed and there was some kind of a prize for each of the thirty-five guests present.

The chief prizes were captured by Mrs. Gamble and Mr. Gould Dietz. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Ives and Mrs. E. H. Sprague.

Mrs. McKenna's Luncheon.

Mrs. James McKenna gave a very pretty luncheon on Friday, in honor of Mrs. Abott of St. Paul, who is the guest of Mrs. Schwan. Easter lilies were used to decorate the table, and their sweet fragrance filled the house.

Covers were laid for Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Theodore Schwan, Mrs. John C. Cowin, Mrs. L. M. Bennett, Mrs. Guy Barton, Mrs. H. McCord, Mrs. Gannett, Mrs. William Wyman, Mrs. Benham and Mrs. McKenna.

In Honor of Mrs. Abbott.

In honor of her sister, Mrs. Abbott of St. Paul, Mrs. Theodore Schwan, gave a very pretty luncheon on Thursday. The table was beautiful with its decorations of mermet roses, cut glass and silver.

Covers were laid for Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. James McKenna, Mrs. Lyman Richardson, Mrs. L. M. Bennett, Mrs. John Harbach, Mrs. Towar, Mrs. John Hamilton, Mrs. Dewey, Miss Dewey and Mrs. Schwan.

Entertained at Cards.

The Bon Ami club was pleasantly entertained on Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Goodrich. The prizes were won by Mrs. Hartman, Miss Tatum, Mr. Holdrege and Mr. Babcock.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Knox, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Dietz, Miss Tatum and Miss Sharp.

A Pleasant Surprise.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Conkling gave them a pleasant surprise at their home, 213 North Sixteenth street, last Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent in playing high five, followed by refreshments, after which the jolly crowd dispersed at a late hour.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Mathes, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Jenning, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Sutphen, Miss Grace Gunnell, Miss Nettie Gunnell, Mr. George Pugh, Mr. Lars Peter Nicolas Esmoer, Mr. Savitzky, Mr. O. C. Conkling.

Men Acted as Hosts.

A very pretty reception was given in the parlors of the First Congregational church last Thursday evening by a number of gentlemen, in honor of the women of the congregation.

The women were presented with carnations as souvenirs. Messrs. W. T. Allen, C. C. George, W. H. Alexander, J. C. George and Dr. C. E. Smith received the guests. During the evening an orchestra played, and refreshments were served by the men from a table prettily decorated with flowers and banquet lamps.

Danced at Walnut Hill.

One of the most delightful entertainments given in Walnut Hill this season was the musical Thursday evening at the home of the Misses Carrie and Edna Robertson. The Au Fait Mandolin club rendered some excellent selections. Miss Carrie Robertson sang very sweetly and Mr. Clarence Higgins was in excellent voice, and his solo added much to the enjoyment of the evening. The program being finished, refreshments were served, after which dancing was indulged in to the music of the orchestra stationed in the hall.

Surprised Mr. and Mrs. Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Drake were surprised last night by some thirty of their neighbors, who without any previous warning appeared upon the scene and took complete possession of the house, holding it until nearly midnight. The evening was devoted to playing cards and other games. A lunch that was contributed by the surprisers was served.

Weddings and Engagements.

Mrs. Derby and Mr. Louis Nash, both formerly of Omaha, were married recently at Ogdensburg, N. Y.

The engagement has just been announced of Mr. Edgar N. Carter, brother of Mr. William O. Carter of this city, and Miss Faulkner of Martinsburg, W. Va.

The wedding of Miss Bertha, daughter of Mr. Herman J. Meyer, and Mr. Charles A. Grimmel is to occur Tuesday evening, March 24, at 1916 Douglas street. The ceremony will be private, to be followed by a reception from 7 until 9.

The wedding of Mr. Grant W. Kenny of Omaha and Miss Edith Fiske of Lincoln, daughter of Mr. Franklin A. Fiske, occurred in Lincoln last Wednesday at high noon. They went to Denver and other western cities for their bridal trip and will be at home to their friends at 117 South Thirty-sixth street on their return.

Looking Backward.

Miss Margaret McKell entertained the Current Literature club on Tuesday afternoon. The "Lilac Sunbonnet" was discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barton entertained at dinner on Thursday evening. Covers were laid for Miss Genness, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton, Mr. Wells of Schuyler, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Saunders of Council Bluffs.

A large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thom surprised Mr. Thom Friday night, upon the occasion of his 42d birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent with music, singing and recitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Richardson entertained at dinner last Wednesday evening at the Paxton in honor of Mrs. Abbott of St. Paul. Potted azaleas formed the table decorations. Covers were laid for Mrs. Abbott, Colonel and Mrs. Schwan, Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchett and Mrs. Dewey.

At their home, 1044 South Thirty-second street, Pauline and Robert Schenck entertained the children of the neighborhood Friday evening at a "taffy pull." The evening was spent delightfully in a wishing game and charades, the most difficult charade, Galveston, being guessed by Master Jack Hicks.

Charles and Mrs. Ogden entertained a few friends very informally, though delightfully, last Thursday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Offutt, Mr. and Mrs. Victor White, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baldrige, Miss Moore, Mr. A. S. McWhorter, Messrs. Pease, Jordan, Despecher, Adair, Charles Pratt and several others.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenzweig entertained the Gemuethlichkeit High Five club at their home on last Wednesday evening. Mr. John Baumer and Mrs. George Mittauer winning first prizes. The consolation prizes were awarded to Mr. C. C. Schaeffer and Mrs. John Baumer. The club will meet next on March 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hoag.

The dancing class, which meets every Saturday night for instruction, as well as pleasure, is composed of the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkendall, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden, Dr. and Mrs. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. and Mrs. Wattles and Mr. and Mrs. Baldrige.

The Fellowship club gave an entertainment at its club room Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Ellis Fleishman, who is soon to leave for New York, his future home. Mr. Fleishman takes along with him as a pleasant remembrance of the Fellowship club and the hearty goodwill and wishes of his fellow members an elegant present, a gold pin, emblem of the Fellowship club, studded with diamonds.

The Sans Souci club gave a very agreeable surprise party on one of its members, Miss Ida Mittauer, last Saturday evening. It being her birthday, she was presented with a beautiful spoon, on which was engraved the club's name. The evening was pleasantly spent with music, games and dancing. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Wearne, Stuht, Wright, Mittauer, Schanlau, West, Urlau, Engler, Fruehauf, Perle Urlau and Mrs. George Mittauer; Messrs. Dyball, Curley, E. B. Smith, Wearne, Charles Stockham, Wolmer, Andersen and Buchanan, and Miss Mittauer.

Pleasures in Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hartman will entertain the Tuesday Night Card club this week.

The Bon Ami club meets Monday, March 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kirkendall.

The next meeting of the Current Literature class will be held at the home of Miss Grace Allen. Three books, "Flute and Violin," "The Kentucky Cardinal" and "Aftermath," will be discussed.

Friendly Gossip.

Mr. S. H. H. Clark has gone to Washington.

Mrs. John M. Thurston is visiting in Denver.

Mrs. Robert Purvis is spending a week in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Yates left for the east on Sunday.

Mr. Arthur Cooley has gone to Denver to remain a week.

Mr. Euclid Martin left for Chicago on Thursday evening.

Mr. Seth Drake returned on Saturday morning from Franklin, Pa., where he went to be one of the groomsmen at the Megeath-Miller wedding.

Miss E. H. Terrill will return from New York tomorrow.

Mrs. H. C. Moses will return from the east March 18.

Mr. Gould Dietz left on Thursday evening for Sheridan, Wyo.

Mrs. Edward Cudahy has gone east to be absent several weeks.

Miss Short has returned from a visit in Kansas City and St. Joseph.

Miss Mount returned last week from a visit of several weeks in Lincoln.

Mrs. Charles Offutt entertained the Cooking club at luncheon last Saturday.

Mrs. Ralph E. Sunderland is at her mother's home in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. S. A. McWhorter leaves for Chicago today, where she will spend the week.

Miss Bache returned Monday from San Antonio, Tex., where she spent the winter.

Mrs. C. S. Montgomery left Friday for Wisconsin, where she will visit her mother.

Mrs. H. P. Jensen has returned from Florida, after an absence of several months.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm have taken residence on Nineteenth and Douglas streets.

Mrs. M. Hellman and her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Sachs, departed for Boston last night.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Burns, March 6, a son, whose name will be Andrew Mount Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Kountze, who are at present in Florida, are expected home soon.

Mr. Joseph Morsman, who spent a week in town with his parents, left on Sunday for Chicago.

Mrs. Charles Offutt spent several days in Lincoln this week as the guest of Mrs. Lambertson.

Mr. Frank Read of St. Paul spent several days the early part of the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cady.

Mr. T. V. Quinn of Chicago was the guest of Mr. John R. Manchester and family for a few days the past week.

Miss Alice Drake has gone to Chicago to meet her mother and father, who are about to return from Franklin, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Francis and daughter, Clara, left on Monday for St. Louis, New Orleans and other southern points.

Mrs. Andrew Ellison of Kirksville, Mo., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. M. Vinsonhaler, 420 South Twenty-sixth street.

Miss Vaill has returned from the east, where she was called by the death of her relatives, Mrs. Waite and Mr. C. C. Waite.

Mrs. Ezra Millard and daughters, Miss Carrie and Miss Helen, who are now in Berlin, will return to Omaha some time in April.

Miss Minnie Wood of Holyoke, Mass., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. B. Morrell, for the last few weeks, left for her eastern home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Marti have been visiting in Cedar Rapids, Ia., for the past two weeks. From there they go to Chicago and New York, returning about April 1.

Mrs. H. A. Snyder and Miss Baum left last Thursday morning for California, where they will spend three weeks visiting in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Carpenter left on Thursday for Salt Lake. From there they go to California for Mrs. Carpenter's health and will visit San Diego and other cities.

Mr. Herman Kountze and his daughter, Miss Kountze, who have been staying at the Millard for several weeks, returned to their home, which has been remodeled, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Noyes have taken Mr. Estabrook's house at 3614 Howard street, and will remove there from their present residence, 1044 South Twenty-ninth street, on the first of the month.

Mr. John L. Webster and Miss Flora Webster have returned from New York and Washington. While in the latter city Miss Webster was the guest of Miss Sadie Cushing, formerly of Omaha.

O. K. Scofield is still in New York, selecting the latest styles in suits, skirts, waists and wraps that are shown in the east. Ladies desiring the correct styles should wait a few days and see the novelties soon to be displayed.

Out-of-Town Visitors.

Mrs. Abbott of St. Paul is the guest of Mrs. Theodore Schwan.

Mr. Frank Knight of Austin, Tex., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. C. K. Coutant.

Mrs. A. J. Smith of Davenport, Ia., is the guest of her son, Dr. C. E. Smith, at Thirty-sixth and Howard streets.

Miss Mary Perkins of Quincy, Ill., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Treat, for the past six months, returned to her home Thursday.

Spring Opening.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday next of imported novelties in dress fabrics and trimmings. A cordial invitation extended to all.

E. H. TERRILL, Dressmaker.

1519 Douglas st., 3d floor.

LINCOLN'S SOCIAL SIDE.

LINCOLN, March 14.—(Special.)—As Lent advances, society, which for awhile appeared to have forgotten its Lenten duties, seems to have taken a second, sober thought and concluded to become a trifle less giddy just before Easter. For the past week everything has appeared to give way to local politics, but whether or no politics bears any relation to social entertainment is a question. The fact that this has been an exceedingly dull week from a social point of view remains simply a fact and nothing more.

Fraternity members and university societies are making some stir, and on Friday and Saturday nights the chapter houses contained the representative parties.

Miss McClure left for Mt. Pleasant last Saturday.

Mrs. Louise M. Merrill left yesterday for Cleveland, O.

Mr. Clough of Omaha is coming back to Lincoln, which will be glad to see him.

Katharine Weston of Beatrice has been here for several days.

Miss Slaughter visited in Omaha several days this week. She was the guest of Miss Mount.

Mrs. F. M. Tyrell left yesterday to visit her parents in Mora, Ill. She was accompanied by her husband.

Dr. and Mrs. Ladd left on Thursday for Whitehall, Ill., on account of the illness of Dr. Ladd's father.

Philip Bauer of Hamburg, Ia., is visiting for a brief period with the family of his brother, John Bauer, 205 South Tenth street.

Mrs. D. E. Thompson expects a young lady from Cairo, Ill., to visit her soon. The young guest has charming manners and is a pretty girl, too.

The English club will give a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Bates this evening at the house of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hitchcock, 511 North Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Manning and her class gave a field program to the ladies of the faculty club and junior Sorosis on Thursday afternoon in Union hall at the university. The room was full of ladies and the afternoon was an enjoyable one.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 14, 1896.—Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.—(Special to The Bee.)—I wish to inform the ladies that it will be fully two weeks before I shall be able to show new spring suits and costumes in Omaha, owing to radical changes in styles, now being introduced here in New York. It will be to the advantage of those needing suits to wait, as my stock will represent the very latest designs. O. K. Scofield.

Utah in the National Convention.

SEWARD, Neb., March 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: How many votes has Utah in national convention?

WILLIAM ROYER.

Ans.—Six votes.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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Principal Homer Lewis Offered a Position in Massachusetts.

HAS BEEN DISSATISFIED IN NEBRASKA

Frequently Questioned the Advisability of Methods of the Board of Education in Reference to the High School.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 14.—Principal Homer P. Lewis of the High school at Omaha was tonight elected principal of the English High school in this city.

Prof. Lewis will probably accept. It has been known for some time that he was not entirely satisfied with his position here. It is not unlikely that he would have left the Omaha High school last year had not his private interests made it advisable for him to remain.

Prof. Lewis has on more than one occasion made known to the Board of Education that he did not believe the High school was being treated with the consideration that it deserved, though his relations to the members of the board have been uniformly of the most cordial character. He has felt that the means have not been placed at his disposal to develop the school as he believed the circumstances required, and his inclination to go elsewhere has increased since the shortening of the school year, and the consequent paring of salary.

He has been at the head of the High school for nearly fifteen years, during which time he has witnessed the attendance increase from about 100 to between 1,000 and 1,100, and the faculty grow from a corps of half a dozen to more than thirty. He has naturally been chief in raising the standard of the school in point of curriculum requirements, so that it ranks among the first High schools of the country.

Mr. Lewis is a graduate of Dartmouth. He came here from Davenport, Ia., where he held a similar position, being originally from New England.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Colonel W. F. Cody will Sunday in the city.

C. S. Raymond left for the west last evening.

J. R. Buchanan of the Elkhorn has gone east.

F. S. Lewis of Chicago is stopping at the Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Park of Plainview are in the city.

J. A. Wingard of Sioux City, Ia., is registered at the Barker.

Peter French, proprietor of the P ranch, Oregon, is in the city.

W. R. Alexander, Union Pacific agent at Wahoo, is at the Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Morrison of Lincoln are among the hotel arrivals.

C. W. Hinzie and Carl D. Ruther of Lincoln are Barker hotel guests.

Ray Eaton and sister left for Chicago last evening, to be gone a few days.

J. H. Warren and wife and M. Harris are Chicago arrivals at the Barker.

J. H. McNally, city ticket agent of the Rock Island, has gone to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nye and Mrs. Fields of Fremont are among the hotel arrivals.

J. L. Lockhart, Pierre, S. D., and Oscar Kemp, Watertown, S. D., are hotel guests.

T. N. D. Harvey left for Atlantic, Ia., last evening, where he will visit relatives for a fortnight.

F. W. Little, jr., has returned to the Barker after a two weeks' visit in Iowa and Missouri.

Colonel George P. Wintersteen, formerly county clerk of Fillmore county and deputy secretary of state, passed through Omaha yesterday from New Thompson, O., enroute to Manhattan Colo., where he holds a large mining interest in the recent big strike made in that vicinity.

At the Murray: M. K. Sherwood, Chicago; S. Guiferman, Edith Hobart, New York; H. Thoed, A. Bode, Sousa's band; W. R. Alexander, G. F. Frush, Wahoo; J. H. Mulligan, George Tibbs, Rochelle, N. Y.; Arthur Jackson, Chicago; George H. Loy, Neenah, Wis.; Charles Maderia, S. G. Painter, New York; Fred Davis, Malvern, Ia.; L. York, Des Moines; Gladys St. Clair, Council Bluffs.

Nebraskans at the hotels are: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pierce and daughter, Pawnee City; R. D. Wall, Ben Kendrick, Nick Ronin, Fremont; L. E. Ewart, Grand Island; John B. Roper, Pawnee City; M. Lillian Paul, Marion Tate, Thurman; O. B. Ganson, Beatrice; W. C. Morrison and wife, Lincoln; F. T. Kanebrink, Ceneral City; V. P. Latham, Lincoln; J. E. White, R. Boller, Lincoln.

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And while it thus gives immediate relief, at the same time the disease is not merely checked, but a radical cure is rapidly accomplished.

And the point we want to make clear is that all this is done without a particle of pain.

This fact is one reason for the great popularity of the Pyramid Pile Cure and constitutes one very great difference between it and almost any other kind of treatment for piles.

Every kind of surgical operation for piles is excruciatingly painful besides endangering the life of the patient and in most cases is not to be compared with the Pyramid Cure, neither in making successful cures without pain nor in cheapness and safety.

The Pyramid Pile Cure has been before the public too long, and its merits recognized by too many people to allow it to be classed with the many salves, suppositories, pills, etc., and you run no risk in trying it, as is often the case with new and untried preparations.

If you are ever troubled with any form of piles or rectal disease do not forget the Pyramid Pile Cure. Prepared by the Pyramid Drug Co. of Albion, Mich., and sold by druggists at 50 cents per package.

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SEES A MOST PROSPEROUS SEASON.

After Traveling Through the State, Mr. Benjamin Talks.

Traveling Freight Agent E. E. Benjamin of the Chicago & Northwestern road came in yesterday from a trip through Nebraska. He covered the southwestern part of the state pretty thoroughly. In speaking to a Bee reporter, Mr. Benjamin said: "Business is picking up throughout the state. There is considerable merchandise moving westward, and the movement of agricultural implements is considerably ahead of the average. No; there is not much grain being moved, but there is more going out of Nebraska than there was thirty days ago. There is quite a movement of hay eastward, but there is no money in this for the railroads.

"But this is not the best of it. There is an immigration movement into Nebraska of considerable dimensions, and it is growing every day. If you hear any one talking about people moving out of Nebraska, you can just tell them that for every person who moves out of the state there is at least one, and in many cases two or three, to come in and take the emigrant's place. I think that this season will be one of the most prosperous Nebraska has ever seen."

News of Benson.

Mrs. Harvey C. Groves has gone on a visit to her mother.

Mr. Cole and family have moved into the Kellar house.

Miss Susie Herndon has spent the last two weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Joseph.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Morgan this week.

Miss Locke of Irvington spent a few days of last week visiting friends in Benson.

Miss Margaret Safford visited with her sister, Mrs. Schriner, in Omaha the latter part of this week.

Instead of the regular prayer meeting Wednesday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church, "Foreign Missions" was taken as the special subject to be discussed, and prayed for. The meeting was led by the pastor, Rev. Fowler.

Mr. Joseph met with quite an accident last week. He was hanging paper at the time and in the act of turning around came in contact with a knife held in the hands of the man who was helping him, which cut quite a deep gash in his cheek.

The motor ran off the track last Thursday evening near the Tietz park, where the track had spread, thus derailing the car. No damage was done and no one was injured, only detaining the passengers about two hours who were waiting at Clifton Hill.

The regiment of soldiers marching through Benson last Tuesday morning with their glittering uniforms and knapsacks on their backs gave us an idea how they must have appeared while marching out on the same Military road some years ago to join Custer and his army in his fight out west with the Indians.

A pleasant affair of the week was a leap year social given by the Ladies' Aid society at the hall last Tuesday evening. Several of the young people of Irvington came over to take it in. It was well attended and consequently a success financially, which will go toward the general fund. Supper was served after a fine literary and musical program. Among the numbers were solos which were well rendered by Mesdames Bailey, Morgan and Watenpaugh. Miss Mary Hilliard delighted the audience with a reading of humorous sketches. The laughable features were a colqu