

KEEPING LENT VERY CLOSELY

Omaha Society Girls Give Over Most Earthly Pleasures.

ENTERTAINMENTS FEW AND MODEST

Season of Fast and Rest from the Round of Gallies is Welcome, but Some Things Cannot Be Restored.

There was scarcely sufficient evidence of society last week to relieve the monotonous quiet of the Lenten season. One remarked the other day that there was probably no other city of its size in the country where the society girls so uniformly observed Lent as in Omaha. This fact seems to have been made more apparent this year than in former seasons; perhaps, because the dear things had turned toward the dearer before Ash Wednesday that they all needed some rest. Even the brilliant and tempting attractions at the leading theater during the week could not induce some of the good young women to break their Lenten vows. There were others on hand, however, and foremost among the attractive and well dressed young women seen in the city during the week were several fair visitors now in the midst of local society circles. There were a number of small but delightful affairs during the week, but none of them rivalled the elegant and brilliant. Among the few noteworthy functions of the week were: Miss Bennett's luncheon for Miss Ursula King, which was a most enjoyable affair; Miss Clark's dinner for the Misses Cleveland and Deaver and Miss Barber's novel game and changing dish party.

The calendar of the debutante presents nothing very gay for the immediate future. With the coming of spring their thoughts will be gladly turning toward outdoor pleasures. The members of the riding club, which presented such an imposing spectacle on our streets last autumn, have taken their riding habits from out the wardrobe and are now all ready for their first ride. It has been quietly whispered about the inner circles that the bicycle is to be introduced this spring.

Next to the equestrian sport the form of outdoor pleasure that is most likely to engage the attention of the Omaha girls is golf. That have been buds and of all their attendant chaperons is golf. The mandate of Omaha society is that during the exposition year golf shall be supreme above every other sport. The belles and the beaux are to have frequent recourse to it, not only for their own enjoyment, but to assist in the promotion of the eastern counties when they come out to see the big show, and to demonstrate to them that on this side of the Missouri river are not an ignorant people, we know a thing or two ourselves. The links at Happy Hollow have been put in trim and it will not be long before Dame Society will arise and play the game on it. What with the red golfing umbrellas, the pretty waistscoats and the dainty sunbonnets, we are truly promised a pretty sight when the girls gather for a golf game. One ingenious woman has designed and put into practical shape a dainty sunbonnet for the links. This fact may be considered a selection with the fact that it was good for her hair not to wear a hat any oftener than she could help. The girls are also busy with the sun put in some of their fine work, to glid her locks with their own golden reflection. So a few handy maidens, who are not so busy with the big show, are the fascinations of their grandmothers' blushing countenances when seen under the beams of their sunbonnets. The girls' sunbonnet, which could be worn on the head, if so desired, or else hanging down the back by the strings fastened under the chin. A girl who wears a sunbonnet like this and this year they are to be worn at golf games.

A debutante not long since confided that she was wonderfully glad that society's indoor season was about at an end and that the outdoor pleasures were soon to commence. She said: "A girl looks forward through many a season to the day when she will make her debut, be 'launched,' just like a war ship, and some are always fond of pressing it. She plans her gowns with the aid and consent of her mother. Then there is work to be done at the house. The list of guests to be prepared and so many details to attend to. The occasion finally comes. She is surrounded by a lot of other debutantes, just about as nervous as she is, and all around are banks of flowers just like a funeral. Of course, one wants to put her best foot forward and she invariably does the exact opposite. The order is finally thrust with and her social career is duly started. Then commence to come the invitations for tea and luncheon and dances. Anxious at first to get the most rush for her program, she soon becomes resigned to her natural fate, and whenever she is skipped for a single dance she regrets that she ever became a debutante. Oh, it's hard at first, but I suppose several seasons of such affairs will make one utterly indifferent, and then one cannot help but enjoy it. The dear debutante should not imagine that she is the only one who has her troubles. She doesn't, she has her own. Her brother has them just the same. Fancy the feelings of one young fellow who recently commenced to go out, and flattered himself on his ability to play pretty species of the proper time, after this little scene: A swell society girl entered the room beautifully gowned in green. One young man hastened to greet her. Impressed with her entrancing beauty, and wishing to tell her that she looked as bright and radiant as her gown, thereby complimenting her beauty and her taste, he exclaimed: "Why, Miss Bud, how fresh and green you look!" And the next day it snowed.

We have all known for a long time that there were no more lovely girls in this broad city than those who are diligently studying at the Omaha High school. Their bright, vivacious and altogether charming ways have helped to make the High school dances and other affairs where two or three thousand are gathered together in the name of their school most interesting and enjoyable occasions. But none of us were quite prepared for the sudden announcement of the elopement and hasty wedding of one of the fairest of the High school girls and a promising young business man of this city, as chronicles by The Bee yesterday. To be sure we had seen the couple together, especially at the matinee during the winter, and a stunning couple they were, too. But their marriage was something of a starter. It just goes to show that you can't always tell.

Pleasures in Prospect. The women of the relief corps of General Crook post will give a card party at Idlewild hall next Thursday night.

The Thurston Rifles have issued invitations for a dancing party to be given at the armory on Wednesday evening, March 16, at 8:30 o'clock.

The Omaha Guards have issued invitations for its second party at the Metropolitan club. The invitations are for Friday night.

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March 13. The guards' first dance at Metropolitan hall, given six weeks ago, was one of the prettiest dancing parties that has been given in Omaha this season and it will tax the young men to excel their first success.

Mrs. Herrobin of Chicago, president of the National Federation, will be entertained by the Woman's club in the near future. To entertain its distinguished guest properly, the club will have an evening session to which gentlemen will be invited. The directory decided to give a luncheon, at which Mrs. Herrobin will be the guest of honor. All details concerning the luncheon have been left in charge of Mrs. Squires and her efficient assistants.

Entertainments of the Week. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dorr Crane entertained at a changing dish luncheon on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kuhn entertained on Thursday night in honor of their guest, Mrs. Doctor of Red Oak, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Sackett entertained the C. A. L. Card club. The favors were won by Mrs. Winiford King and Mr. Grant L. Cobb.

A party of Omaha young people went out to Mrs. Hunt's at Florence Wednesday evening. A later hour dancing was enjoyed and enjoyed a delightful entertainment.

The S. N. Card club enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kelley's hospitality last Saturday evening at their home, 2917 Dodge street. After the card game, Mrs. H. L. Porterfield and Mr. J. C. Bolman carried off the prizes.

An enjoyable surprise party was given to Mrs. Frank Reynolds, 1913 South Twenty-second street, on last Thursday evening, in honor of his birthday. The ideal Mandolin and guitar club rendered beautiful music. Refreshments were served.

Miss Mabel Barber gave a most enjoyable changing dish party to a small number of friends on Thursday evening. Preceding the supper, a later hour dancing was enjoyed. A series of games of "puzzle-box," two rival teams were captained by Miss Tukey and Miss McShane.

An enjoyable birthday party was given at the home of Miss Belle Bruce, 1913 Martha street, on Wednesday evening. The early part of the evening was spent in games and dancing, a later hour dancing was enjoyed until about 11 o'clock, when refreshments were served.

One of the pleasant dancing parties of the week was given by Misses Maria Valentin and Maud Ayers at the home of the latter, 829 South Twenty-first street. Fifteen couples of young folk, chaperoned by Mrs. Ayers, enjoyed a program of sixteen regular and three extra dances.

A very pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. Gustave Borne on Monday evening at his home, 311 North Twenty-first street. Games were played until a late hour, when refreshments were served. All left declaring they had spent a pleasant evening.

Miss M. R. Thompson of 1613 Corby street delightfully entertained the Happy Hour club at high five on Tuesday evening. Ten games were played. Mrs. A. Johnson and Mr. E. H. Sharpe receiving the honors, while Mrs. C. Wagner and Mr. J. Murphy were consulted with the booby prizes.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. H. W. Pitt of 803 North Eighteenth street entertained the Lucky 13 Card club. Mrs. Stoeker was fortunate in securing the first prize, the consolation prize being taken by Mrs. Dr. Glooke. After partaking of refreshments the party adjourned, having spent a very jolly time.

Miss John Clarke Cot entertained very pleasantly in her pretty little home on Monday evening in honor of the Misses Cleveland of Denver. The affair was a changing dish party, which was followed by refreshments by Miss Ruth Cleveland in her inimitable manner and by music. Covers were laid for fourteen.

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Miss Anna Curly entertained the Ladies' Club at her home, 2136 Sherman avenue, on Wednesday evening. The greater part of the evening was spent in dancing. Partners for supper were secured by "matching hearts."

After supper Miss Halsig entertained the club with a few recitations, followed by a vocal selection by Mr. Artie Burnett.

Miss Belle Bennett gave a delightful luncheon at her home, Twenty-seventh and Leavenworth streets, on Thursday at noon. The affair was given in honor of Miss Ursula King of Little Falls, N. Y., who is the guest of the hostess. Covers were laid for ten and the decorations of the table and dining room were carried out in color scheme, the prevailing color being pink.

Tuesday, March 8, was the twenty-fourth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Knight of 1734 South Thirtieth street. The event was celebrated in a most happy manner. In answer to a knock at the door Mr. Knight found himself confronted by a merry company of neighbors and friends. An evening of good cheer began with the presentation of a handsome chair to Mr. and Mrs. Knight, to which, although taken and gratefully accepted, the groom of twenty-four years made a fitting response. A bountiful collation was served and at a late hour the company dispersed, expressing many wishes for the future welfare of the happy couple.

Movements of People. Mrs. E. S. Dundy is visiting friends in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis T. Porter have returned to 2208 Ohio street.

Miss Zula Hech is in a guest of friends in the city on Sunday.

Bishop Worthington has been seriously ill during the last week, but is recovering.

Miss Flora Webster, who has been ill for a week, is reported much improved in health.

Miss Effie Symms and Miss Hossie Pennell of Atchison are guests of Miss Martha Stone.

Mrs. Downs and Miss Downs left for Mapleton, Ia., yesterday to be away four weeks.

Miss Nellie McShane has returned home after a pleasant visit with friends at Burlington, Ia.

Mrs. Taylor, mother of Mrs. John Hayward, of this city, who has been dangerously ill, is somewhat improved.

Mr. Charles C. Rosewater has returned from a fortnight's sojourn in New York state, greatly improved in health.

Mr. George A. Hoaxland and Miss Hoaxland leave for Chicago today and will remain there during the fortnight of grand opera.

Dr. George R. Gilbert returned yesterday from New York, where he has been for a year and a half at the United States Marine hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teala have returned from a delightful trip through Florida. They will be at home to their friends after March 15 at 2631 Harney street.

Mr. Fred Francis left for Chicago, where he will be the guest of Mrs. Sarah Bennett, until the last week of the month. He returned to Cheyenne on Thursday evening.

Miss Margaret McKell of Des Moines, Ia., has been the guest of Mrs. Sargent, who during the last few days. This week she will be the guest of Miss Lydia Tukey.

Miss Ruth Cleveland of Denver, who has been visiting Miss Grace Allen, expects to leave for her home on Monday. Miss Helen Cleveland will remain in Omaha for a month.

L. M. Doctor of Red Oak, Ia., after a month's visit in the city, will return home this evening, accompanied by Miss Rose Allen and Miss Ethelyn McGivern of Fremont, Neb.

Mrs. and Mrs. C. F. Scovill of Cincinnati and Mrs. F. D. Spencer of Nebraska City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. Rector. Mrs. Rector has been out of the city for the last six months, but is now improving.

Miss Alice Richards, daughter of Governor Richards of Wyoming, who came down to enter the Pratt-Rickett nuptials, has been the guest of Mrs. George H. Fitchett during the last week. She returned to Cheyenne on Thursday evening.

Weddings and Engagements. Miss Janie C. Salisbury, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Salisbury, was quietly married to Mr. N. J. Kesler at Council Bluffs on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Kesler left for a fortnight's bridal tour on Friday. The young bride is a member of the senior class of the Omaha High school and is also recognized as one of the brightest and brightest young women in the city. The groom is connected with the Bemis Omaha Gas company.

Last Wednesday evening was the occasion of the wedding of Miss Evelyn May Fitchett, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Fitchett of 842 South Twenty-eighth street, was united in marriage to Mr. Clayton A. Pratt, formerly of Chicago and now a resident of this city.

The bride, who is one of Omaha's fairest daughters, wore a dainty gown of white liberty gauze over white silk. Her hair was styled with bride-maiden's roses. She carried a large bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Alice Richards of Cheyenne, Wyo., as maid of honor, was lovely in pink silk with bride-maiden's roses. The bride and groom, preceded by the officiating clergyman, Dr. S. Wright Butler, and the maid of honor, entered the room to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin played by Miss Norma Horneg of Colorado Springs, Colo. The ceremony was witnessed by about forty of the most intimate friends of the contracting parties. After the company had partaken of refreshments Mr. and Mrs. Pratt took their departure for a short trip through the south. They will be at home to their friends at 1323 South Thirty-first street on Wednesday after April 15. The bride is pleasantly known in Omaha society circles. She was educated at a responsible position with an Omaha engineering firm for the last three years and has lately accepted a position with the engineer of the Armour company at South Omaha.

Misses Kahl and Johnston's first spring opening of fine millinery occurs Tuesday and Wednesday, March 15 and 16.

Mrs. R. H. Davies is back from New York. Will announce opening later.

OMAHA STRIBB. Florence. Mrs. Frank Reynolds, 1913 South Twenty-second street, entertained an afternoon party in Omaha Friday.

Mr. A. Wilson of Tokamah, Neb., was a business visitor in town one day this week. Miss Katie Green went to Coffman, Friday, where she goes to stay a couple of days. Mr. and Mrs. Blair were in town for a few days this week, visiting relatives.

Miss Leahy King visited her aunt, Mrs. James O. Reynolds, Friday, returning to Omaha Friday night.

The railroad company has a force of men at work north of town putting in stone arches, in place of the trestle work, across a couple of creeks.

Bert Kindred of Herman, Neb., made a business trip to Omaha Friday, stopping over with his brother James Kindred, who lives in Omaha.

Frederick Mattison of Blair was visiting Mr. George Seib one day this week, going from here to Omaha to attend to some business before returning to Blair.

Mr. J. M. Kiehl, secretary, Omaha (State) Attendance, 500.

Gran Commandery Knights Templar, April 1. W. R. Bowen, secretary, Omaha (State) Attendance, 500.

Nebraska Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, October 1. Will J. DeLoe, secretary, Lincoln, Neb. (State) Attendance, 400.

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menaced at once on this concession. This feature of the Midway will occupy a site of 400 feet in length on the upper end of the bluff tract, extending from the north viaduct to the permanent brick building at Manderson street. The most imposing structure on the street will be a mosque, where the inhabitants of the street will hold their religious services. A large theater will be another important feature and in this will be given the amusements which have come to be regarded as a necessary adjunct to the Cairo concession. There will be plenty of bazaars and shops for the sale of articles for sale. A circular space about sixty feet in diameter at each end of the village will afford opportunities for the ceremonies and games which will be constantly going on. About \$18,000 will be expended on this concession in preparing the buildings.

DATES FOR THE CONVENTIONS.

Time for the Session of a Number of Omaha Gatherings.

More than eighty conventions are to be held in Omaha during the exposition, but many of them have not yet decided upon a date. The following dates are assured, and it is probable that within another week the full list will be given to the amusements.

National Cricket Club, June 25 to 30. J. B. Reynolds, secretary, Omaha. (National) Attendance, 250.

Transmississippi Turnout, June 30 to July 3. Philip Andros, secretary, Omaha. (International) Attendance, 200.

Nebraska Poultry Association, September 19 to October 1. E. A. Pegler, secretary, Lincoln, Neb. (State) Attendance, 200.

Chicago Live Stock Association, September 19 to October 1. W. B. Baker, secretary, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill. (National) Attendance, 100.

Transmississippi Teachers' Convention, June 28 to 30. J. M. Gillan, secretary, Omaha. (International) Attendance, 7,000.

Nebraska Veterinarian Convention, June 14 to 16. J. M. Kiehl, secretary, Omaha. (State) Attendance, 500.

Nebraska State Masonic Grand Lodge, June 15. J. M. Kiehl, secretary, Omaha. (State) Attendance, 500.

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corners will furnish the vertical supports for the arches. The latter can be very inexpensively constructed of angle iron and will carry a strip of thin galvanized iron underneath to protect the lamps from the weather.

Mr. Schurig suggests that if the business establishments on each corner will provide the arches the funds appropriated by the council will be sufficient to furnish the lights through the exposition. The expense of an arch of this construction will be very little after it is divided among the various business firms in the vicinity. Then the business district will be attractively illuminated during the entire exposition, and it will be very easy to add some additional effects during Ak-Sar-Ben week. The scheme has not been fully worked out, but Mr. Schurig will be successful in carrying out a cost that will allow the down town business concerns to secure a permanent illumination in front of their places of business for a very few dollars each.

CHILDREN'S MILITIA IS COMING.

It is practically assured that Chadron will be represented at the encampment of the Nebraska National Guard in Omaha during the Transmississippi Exposition, by a company from this city. Adjutant General Chadron will be in the city for a few days looking over the field with a view of reporting to the State Military board on the advisability of establishing a company here. He was favorably impressed and stated that he would recommend the organization of a company of young guards. The business men and young men of the city are looking for the organization of such an organization and that it would be a success is a certainty.

Will Reproduce Bryan's Home.

Application has been made to the executive committee for space to erect on the grounds a fac simile reproduction of the Lincoln home. Mr. W. J. Bryan, the permission requested has been granted. Permission had already been given for the reproduction of the McKinley home at Canton, O.

Dimensions of the Maine.

FRIDAY, March 11.—To the Editor of the Bee: Please state in The Sunday Bee the dimensions of the battleship Maine, as follows:

- Displacement ..... 6,822 tons
Length on load water line ..... 312 feet
Extreme breadth ..... 66 feet 6 inches
Mean draft ..... 21 feet 6 inches
Beam at water line ..... 66 feet 6 inches
Horse power ..... 5,220
Speed ..... 17.25 knots
Class—Armored cruiser, turret, two steel turrets.
Armament—10 11-inch guns; 10 6-inch guns; 2 3-inch guns; 2 2-inch guns.
Propellers—2.
Boilers—10.
Machinery—25-ton breech-loading rifles, six 6-inch breech-loading rifles, eight quick-firing 11-millimeter guns, seven light guns, etc.

Uniforms for Webster Zouaves.

The uniform committee of the Webster Zouaves has adopted as a uniform a dark red fez, a dark blue jacket, handsomely trimmed, a white broadcloth vest, white shirt, white trousers, white leggings and yellow sash. Major J. V. Doyle, representing a uniform manufacturing establishment in town and will take the measurements for uniforms this morning. The Webster Zouaves will drill regularly at their armory at the Crouse block, Sixteenth street and Capitol avenue, on Wednesdays.

Cartier Gets Ten Days.

William Cartier received ten days in the county jail yesterday for attacking City Engineer Charles Carter on the streets. The police thought he had been assaulted by one of the crowd and welded the knuckles of the engineer. Cartier was finally cut by the police to the charge of assault and battery.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The police have been notified that a couple of men robbed a store at Pacific Junction of a quantity of goods yesterday morning. The thieves are supposed to be heading for this city.

The Concatenated Order of Ho-Hoos will hold forth in Omaha on the 16th and 17th of March. It is expected that some 200 Knights of the Black Cat will attend the convales.

Samuel Lucas, a Santee Indian who has been in jail for fifty days awaiting trial on the charge of selling whisky suddenly returned yesterday in getting bail and returned to the Santee agency.

Thomas Durkin, who was arrested some time ago on the charge of doing electrical work on the streets, was yesterday secured a permit from City Electrician Schurig, has been convicted in police court and fined \$20 and costs.

Miss McHugh will give her interesting stereoscopic lecture on "The Passion Play," under the auspices of the Froebel society, at the board room in the city hall, Wednesday, March 16, at 8:30 p. m.

Inquiry was made at the central police station yesterday for Charles Kitts, 19 years old, who recently disappeared from home, Nech. The boy was not thoroughly equipped mentally and wandered away from home several weeks ago.

The civil service examination to be held Wednesday for clerks and carriers in the postal department will be held in the distributing room of the old postoffice building, at the corner of Dodge and Fifteenth streets. About eighty-five applicants will take the examination.

Mrs. Lucy Blackburn, wife of E. N. Blackburn, died of heart trouble suddenly at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, Georgia avenue and Hickory street. She was advanced in years. The family consisted of herself and husband, for burial.

Frank Wear was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail yesterday, with the middle ten on bread and water, for an assault upon his wife. We regret that he had sufficient provocation in that the woman provoked the trouble, but her blackened eyes and general appearance and usage were too eloquent against him.

Miss Jordan of the New Bra cooking school and Mrs. McMurphy gave a lecture on health foods and cooking at the Young Men's Christian association rooms last night. The use of whole shredded wheat was explained and shredded wheat biscuits were served. Demonstrations were given in changing fish was made, scrambled eggs and tomato sauce being prepared.

DAUGHTERS OF THE DAUGHTERS.

Death Follows the Surgeon's Knife—Not the Surgeon's Fault, of Course—He Can't Help It—You Can.

Pyramid Pile Cure Cures Piles Quick—Painlessly, Without Danger.

They go along for years suffering with piles. They try this and that and the other thing from carrying a buckeye to getting treatment from a physician. They obtain temporary relief, maybe, but they are never cured. A little strain in lifting, a little fatigue, a little constipation or a little diarrhoea and the piles come back.

They don't seem to amount to much, but they banish sleep and appetite. No position is comfortable. There is intense local pain and that dreadful feeling of weight in the rectum.

Maybe in the early stages some of the many salves on sale will afford temporary relief. If the case is of long standing there is only one speedy and sure remedy. It is Pyramid Pile Cure. Even in light cases it is the safest thing to use. Other applications may cure and may not. Pyramid Cure is always certain, always reliable, always brings comfort at once. It's prompt success saves months of severe surgical operations, and their attendant dangers and discomforts. It is better than a knife. Will cure easier, quicker, and with a little constipation or a little diarrhoea and the piles come back.

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All druggists sell Pyramid Pile Cure.

LULL THEIR BROTHERN TO SLEEP.

Knights Conduct Funeral Rites of the Departed.

If any earthly offices can smooth the pillow of the grave the Masonic dead should sleep as softly as a child lulled by summer breeze. No human ceremony could be more impressive than the funeral rites which were performed last night by St. Andrew's council No. 1 of Knights Kadoh over the remains of their brethren, Dr. William O. Rogers and Walter C. Gilbert. The hall was filled with Knights of the Temple and invited friends of the dead. The caaskets were placed side by side before the altar, each bearing a single cluster of white flowers and similar to the caasket of the departed.