HEARTS TRUMPS IN SOCIETY

Saint Valentine Holds the High Hand Among the Week's Events.

ASH WEDNESDAY WILL SOON STOP GAME

Fashion's Devotees Hurry from One Function to the Next as Lenten Season Draws Near—Five Cents Well Invested.

Social Calendar.

MONDAY, February 19—Dancing party, Morand's assembly, Mr. and Mrs. James Munn, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Whitney. Odeon club, Mrs. Wilhelm. Kensington, Mrs. Isaac Coles. Cooking club, Miss Higginson.

TUESDAY, February 20—King's Daughters, a dance. South Side Whist club, Mrs. Tippery, 509 South Twenty-fifth avenue. Miss Kountze at home for Miss Webster of Chicago, Miss Wilson of New York. Mrs. George B. Tzschuck, card party.

WEDNESDAY, February 21—Meyer-Nash nuptials, St. John's church, 11 o'clock. Wisteria Card club. Wednesday Lunch club, Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Kelvy. Elks, a dance.

THURSDAY, February 22—Ball, George Washington club, Metropolitan hall. Miss Julia Officer will entertain Tuesday Morning Musical and Matinee Musical clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Hande's first assembly, Thurston Rifles.

FRIDAY, January 23—Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Gould, Hanscom Park club, at the residence of Mrs. Gould.

Society's world has been a very busy one this week. There is no doubt in the minds of the uppertendom that the pre-Lenten season is in its zenith. Everyone seems bent on going everywhere and doing everything before the arrival of somber Ash Wednesday and "nervous prostration" functions are crowded into a few weeks which would make a good social chronicle for the season.

Hearts were trumps this week. The cotillion of Tuesday evening was a game at hearts from start to finish, figuratively and perhaps literally. At least one young man is manfully declaring it to be the finest dance of the season, with Miss Swensberg's party as a close second—but the young gentleman did not have the same partner Wednesday evening.

The dancing party by Prof. and Mrs. Morand was especially artistic with its many new and beautiful figures and the wealth of confetti, which made one think that a large part of the "beautiful snow" without had been shoveled in and had undergone the "diamond dye process."

Besides the numerous dancing parties there were two brilliant receptions, the Goodrich-Parrotte nuptials and its concomitant events, and the dinner dances, which form so attractive a feature of the social column. No wonder one young woman when asked concerning her father's health exclaimed: "Father! Oh, he is well; that is, I hope he is well, though honestly, I haven't seen him for goodness knows how long, and I don't expect to till Lent begins. You see, I'm a debutante this year."

"Say, Missis, lend me a nickel."

The heroine of the little tale had just turned to wave a merry farewell at her mother who was standing at the window. At the word "lend" spoken with all the pomp of a bloated bondholder, she stopped short and found herself gazing at a little ragged urchin before her.

"Lend you a nickel!" and she gave a merry laugh. "Don't you know you mustn't contract debts? Here's a quarter and keep the change," she cried, as she sped on to catch the car.

Two weeks passed and our society bud had forgotten her deed of charity.

"A valentine, of all things!" she cried, as she tore open the envelope. Out dropped a bright, new quarter, and accompanying it a letter which read:

"Der Missis: Yer hain't fergot I borered a nikle, and yer guv me a kwarter. i got a job a shuvelin' snow and i send yer the kwarter an' a waluntine. i think yer the purtiest girl i ever seed, an' wen i git ter be a man, i'll not fergit yer. JIM."

Luncheons for Miss Nash.

Miss Adeline Nash was the guest of honor at a beautiful luncheon given by Mrs. Edward Porter Peck and Miss Helen Peck Wednesday. A large bed of creamy tulips rested in the center of the table, while each guest's plate was marked by a dainty violet, whose unfolded petals revealed the portrait of next week's bride. Covers were laid for Miss Nash, Miss Dannemiller of Canton, Miss Doyle of Detroit, Miss Creighton, Miss Swensberg, Miss Barker, Miss Peck and Mrs. Peck.

Miss Creighton gave a charming luncheon Thursday afternoon to a large number of guests in honor of Miss Nash. The rooms, as well as the small tables at which the guests were seated, were aglow with the rosy color of the many red tapers. It was a red luncheon, typical of the week of hearts, and especially of this luncheon, which served the purpose of announcing the engagement of Miss Creighton and Mr. Frederick Nash. After the perfectly appointed luncheon little red hearts were passed to the guests. All were blanks, save one, which announced the engagement of two of the most prominent leaders in society. The announcement was received with many exclamations of delight and surprise.

The places of the following guests were marked by violets in water color: Miss Nash, Miss E. W. Nash, Mrs. Cartan, Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Joseph Barker, Mrs. Charles Kountze, Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Daugherty, Mrs. Creighton, Misses Helen Peck, Doyle of Detroit, Jeanne Brown, Grace Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Webster, McShane, Clara Palmer, Gertrude Kountze, Edyth Smith, May Webster of Chicago, Swensberg, Rowena Higginson, Buck, Mary Taylor, Bessie Towle, Wessels, Crounse, Miss Creighton.

Goodrich-Parrotte.

The marriage of Mr. Clayton Holmes Goodrich and Miss Elizabeth Parrotte was solemnized at All Saints' church at 7:30 Wednesday evening. The church was thronged with friends of the contracting parties. Rev. T. J. Mackay officiated. The edifice was elaborately adorned with palms, ferns and cut flowers. Suspended from an arch over the center aisle were the initials "G." and "P." intertwined and made of smilax and immorteles.

The bridal cortege as it moved down the aisle to the wedding march was composed of little Miss Slabaugh, as flower girl, the ushers, Messrs. Hamilton, Dietz, George, Heth and Ray of Chicago; Dr. Bailey and Mr. Harry Weller, acting as ribbon bearers; the maid of honor, Miss Gertrude Goodrich, and the bride leaning on the arm of her father.

The bride never looked more attractive than in her bridal robe of heavy cream satin, which fell in unbroken folds from the waist to the end of the long, sweeping train. The edge of the skirt was trimmed with rose pleatings of chiffon edged with real lace. The bodice had a yoke and sleeves of duchesse lace. The bridal veil of tulle was caught by a beautiful sunburst of diamonds. A shower boquet of lilies of the valley completed an ideal wedding gown.

Miss Goodrich wore a becoming frock of white embroidered chiffon over taffeta. A beautiful necklace of pearls was worn and she carried a loose bouquet of bridesmaid roses.

Little Miss Slabaugh was attired in white organdie and carried a basket of pink roses. After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the Parrotte home, where an elaborate wedding supper was served.

The rooms were beautiful in decorations of pink roses, carnations, palms and ferns. The bay-window, where punch was served, was a veritable bower of pink roses and white narcissus. The dining room attracted special attention. In the center of the table was a large bed of bridesmaid roses on a centerpiece of renaissance lace-covered pink satin. From the chandelier were suspended broad pink satin bands, terminating in jaunty bows at each end of the table. Candelabra with pink tapers and rosy shades, ices, bon-bons and cakes carried out the delicate pink hue.

Among the beautiful gowns were: Mrs. Parrotte's of black velvet, elaborate in its trimming of jet and real lace and sparkling with diamonds. Miss Goodrich was attired in black lace over white satin. Miss Roy was in pearl gray mousseline with garniture of pink lisse. Miss Katherine Parrotte wore pink mull elaborately trimmed in lace. The groom presented his ushers with gold pencils, while the bride's gift to the maid of honor was a beautiful lace fan. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich left for the east for an extended tour.

Miss Swensberg's Dance.

One of the brilliant functions of the week was the dance given by Miss Swensberg at Metropolitan hall Wednesday evening. The hall was exquisitely adorned in colorings of crimson and green. From the center of the room was suspended a large heart of crimson carnations. Large bowls of roses, palms and rosy shades metamorphosed the hall into a rose garden. The dining room was artistically draped with smilax and asparagus, while tall roses of crimson carnations adorned the tables. The programs were in heart shapes, lettered in gold.

Miss Swensberg received her guests in a becoming gown of white crepe de chine, pleatings of chiffon and lisse. She was assisted by Mrs. Campbell Fair, who wore an elegant all-black costume of silk and lace.

Miss Webster of Chicago, in whose honor the dance was given, was stunningly gowned in pink panne and velvet, with garniture of real lace.

Mrs. Joseph Barker was there, looking her handsomest, in pink satin and lace.

Miss Dickinson also wore a beautiful pink frock, rose-pleated with peplum of point lace.

Miss Kountze was in black-dotted net over black taffeta, with a dash of turquoise blue.

Miss Flora Webster wore a dainty gown of Nile green brocade, with decollete corsage, edged with real lace.

Miss Wilson of New York appeared in pale blue crepe, with innumerable pleatings of lisse.

Miss Bessie Towle wore one of the handsomest gowns of the evening, a creation in yellow silk, with bowknots of real lace and edged with mink.

Dinner Dances.

The dinner dances of Saturday evening were especially brilliant. The dances will take place at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cudahy. The rooms were lavish in their adornment of roses and palms. The drawing room was done in pink. American Beauties were profusely used in the dining room. The music room was a bower of pink and white roses, while the library was gorgeous in meteors. An excellent orchestra furnished inspiring music for the sixty guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith will entertain at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kountze, Miss Elizabeth Allen and Mr. Sherwood. The table was adorned with roses, pink and white.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Miss Wootworth, Miss Palmer, Miss Wessels, Miss Webster, Miss Swensberg, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Patrick, Mr. Cooley, Mr. Brown, Mr. Millard. American Beauties will enhance the table.

Miss Mary Buck will gather around a table exquisite in colorings of pink Miss Kelly, Miss Marie Crounse, Miss Chandler, Miss Brown, Mr. George, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Morsman, Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Shiverick.

The guests of Miss Edith Smith are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilkins, Miss Wessels, Miss Grace Allen, Miss Crounse, Mr. Clark, Mr. Heth, Mr. Ross Towle, Dr. Ludington. The table was aglow with crimson roses and shades.

Miss Webster had covers laid for Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kountze, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon, Miss Wilson, Miss Kountze, Mr. Bauman, Mr. Baldrige and Dr. Crummer. The decorations were roses and ferns.

Silver Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rehfeld celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary Friday evening with a reception to 200 guests. The parlors were elaborately decorated with roses, tall palms and graceful ferns. The dining room was done in green and white. The table, with its wealth of roses, cut glass and sparkling silver, called forth many exclamations of delight.

Mr. and Mrs. Rehfeld were assisted in the entertainment of their guests by Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Meyer, Mr. Max Meyer, Mr. Julius Meyer, Miss Kathryn Polack, Miss Laura Goetz, Miss Juliette Morris, Miss Emma Rothschild, Miss Blanche Erhmann of St. Joseph and the Misses Rehfeld. After a supper of elegant refreshments dancing was the feature of the evening. The presents were unusually numerous and elegant.

Elaborate Reception in Red.

An elegant reception was given Friday afternoon by Mrs. F. J. Sackett, Mrs. C. S. Sherman and Mrs. G. B. Eddy. The color scheme was red. The drawing rooms were beautiful with great bunches of red carnations and meteor roses. Hearts of crimson flowers were suspended from the chandeliers, while rose-colored shades and palms further beautified the rooms. The library was brilliant in crimson. Café frappe was served here by Mrs. Conrad, Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Bradbury. The dining room was especially attractive. In the center of the table was an oval mirror, entwined with red spun sugar and smilax. Upon it rested a beautiful centerpiece of crimson carnations. The crimson colorings were carried out in the bonbons, fancy cakes and heart-shaped creams.

The assisting women were: Mrs. Weeth, Mrs. Frederick, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Bettis, Mrs. Belden, Mrs. Foss, Mrs. Palmatier, Mrs. De France, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Strickler, Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Hunter.

Some Dinner Parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Morsman gave a beautiful dinner Tuesday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Barkalow, Mrs. Barkalow of Denver.

Mr. Herbert Gannett entertained at dinner at the Omaha club Tuesday evening. The table decorations were meteors. A red rose marked the covers for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilkins, Miss Towle, Miss Creighton, Miss Kennard, Miss Taylor, Miss Buck, Mr. Swobe, Mr. Shiverick, Mr. Towle and Mr. Wallace.

Mrs. J. H. Millard gave an elaborate luncheon Wednesday for Mrs. Watson of Chicago. The decorations were bridesmaid roses, pink tapers and shades. Covers were laid for Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Ezra Millard, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Yost, Mrs. Joseph Barker, Mrs. Cowin, Mrs. Kenyon, Mrs. Pritchett, Mrs. Webster and Miss Millard.

Mrs. Cowin gave a perfectly appointed dinner, complimentary to Mrs. Herman Kountze, Friday.

Mrs. J. R. Porter and her daughter, Mrs. Haney, gave a charming at home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Ross entertained a large number of guests Saturday afternoon in royal fashion.

Mrs. J. R. Manchester entertained at cards for her daughter Wednesday afternoon.

Complimentary to Miss Parrotte.

Mrs. D. V. Sholes gave an elaborately appointed luncheon Monday in honor of Miss Parrotte, the valentine bride. Artistic beauty marked the table decorations of bridesmaid roses and ferns. Covers were laid for Miss Parrotte, Miss Goodrich, Miss Ray of Kearney, Miss Irwin of Chicago, Miss Katharine Parrotte of Chicago.

Mrs. Fred Hartman gave a dainty luncheon for the same guests Tuesday. The table was exquisite in white narcissus and graceful ferns.

Mrs. Victor White made the Parrotte bridal party the guests of honor at a beautiful luncheon Friday, where meteor roses were lavishly used and crimson shades lighted the table. The plate cards were arrow-shaped affairs.

In Honor of Mrs. Arnot.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Updike gave a progressive high five party on Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. S. P. Arnot of Harvard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. De Harte gave a dinner party Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. S. P. Arnot of Harvard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dexter gave a progressive high five party on Monday evening in honor of Mrs. S. P. Arnot of Harvard. Those present were: Mesdames Updike, De Harte, Dillon and Arnot; Misses Peake and Enola Dexter; Messrs. N. B. Updike, J. H. De Harte, M. A. Dillon, C. L. Babcock, James Burns and S. Dillon.

In Honor of Out of Town Guests.

Mr. James Paxton gave an elegant dinner Tuesday evening at the Omaha club complimentary to Miss Mae Burr of Lincoln, Miss Helen Medsker of Kansas City and Miss Marie McDonald of St. Joseph. The table was redolent with flowers. The cover for each woman was marked by a large bunch of violets. The gentlemen were favored with a red carnation. The participants were: Mme. Cleaveland, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allen, Miss Burr, Miss Medsker, Miss McDonald, Miss Allen, Miss Elizabeth Allen, Mr. Chat Redick, Mr. Skerritt, Mr. Battin, Mr. Tom Creigh, Mr. Diehl of Cincinnati and Mr. Paxton.

Valentine Cotillion.

Hearts, cupids, and the instruments of the wily little fellow gave special attention to the cotillion at Metropolitan hall Tuesday evening. The favors were all complimentary to the patron saint of Valentine's day, and caused much merriment. Some new figures were introduced by the leader, Mr. Arthur Cooley, assisted by Miss Creighton. The most popular figures were the "Military figure" and the "Checkbooks." The favors were fancy and comic valentines and cigarette holders for the men; valentines, rolling pins, clothes pins and dish pans for the girls.

Dinner at the Omaha Club.

Mrs. Baxter gave an elegant dinner party Friday evening at the Omaha club in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Downing of Portland. The table was resplendant with roses, handsome china and cut glass. Her guests were Mrs. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Lomax, Mr. and Mrs. Markel, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rogers, Dr. and Mrs. Gilmore, Miss Dickinson, Mr. Sherman Canfield.

Movements and Whereabouts.

Miss Cora Hyer has gone to Chicago.

Mr. Clement Chase is home from the east.

Miss Mildred House is home from Chicago.

Mr. Moritz Meyer left last week for New York.

Mrs. Canfield of Chicago is visiting Mrs. Cudahy.

Mr. and Mrs. McCord will spend ten days in New York.

Mr. Will Manchester arrived Saturday from New York.

Miss Alice Maher is visiting at her old home at Monroe, Ia.

Mrs. Max Burkenroad and son returned from the east Friday night.

Mrs. J. H. Butler is a guest of Mrs. E. C. Ellis of Kansas City this week.

Miss Ella Wilson of New York is the guest of Mrs. Luther Kountze.

J. J. Evans of Cheyenne is a guest of friends in the city for a few days.

Mr. J. N. Hamilton is spending two weeks at his former home in Kentucky.

Captain Grote Hutcheson, accompanied by his bride, returned to Omaha Monday.

Miss Margaret Stuart left Saturday for Toronto, Canada, and New York City.

Miss Ethel Wilkins attended the Paderewski concert at Lincoln on Monday evening.

Mrs. Salisbury, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lillian, has gone to St. Louis.

A. B. Heath, a prominent stockman of Ragan, Neb., is stopping with friends over Sunday.

Miss Caroline Purvis and Miss Grace Garner are spending a few days with friends in Logan, Ia.

Mrs. E. H. Smith left for Chicago Saturday, where she will visit with friends in the windy city.

Miss Bessie Field has returned from Chicago, where she was the guest of Miss Florence Hutchins.

Mrs. Edward V. Lewis will leave tomorrow for Hot Springs, Ark., where she will remain until late in March.

Miss Grace Britt of Thompson, Belden & Co., has gone to Plattsmouth to attend the funeral of Mr. Guy Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Smith, recently of the Hotel Dellone, have taken housekeeping apartments at 2508 Capitol avenue.

Rev. F. J. Hillman, S. J., of St. Louis, has been a guest at Creighton college for the last ten days. Father Hillman is well known in Omaha, having been pastor of the Holy Family church, Eighteenth and Izard streets, for several years. He leaves for his home tonight.

Pleasures Past.

Miss Wakefield entertained the Oak Hill club Friday evening.

Mrs. McKenna entertained charmingly at cards Friday afternoon.

Mrs. G. P. Cronk gave a dainty dinner Thursday for Miss Drishaus.

The K. K. Kard Klub was entertained by Mrs. Wallwork and Mrs. Blanchard.

Miss Dannemiller of Canton and Miss Doyle of Detroit are guests of Miss Nash.

Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Crowley entertained at a guessing contest Wednesday afternoon.

The guests of the Madison hotel gave a delightful dancing party Wednesday evening.

The Wednesday Lunch club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Baker.

The A. M. A. Card club was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Rosenzweig Saturday evening.

Mrs. Barkalow gave a delightful card party Saturday afternoon to a large number of guests.

The Neighborhood club was delightfully entertained this week by Mrs. Jaquith and Mrs. Engel.

The Southwest Dancing club held another of its enjoyable dances at Morand's assembly Monday evening.

Garfield circle No. 11, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, gave a successful masquerade ball Saturday evening.

The Bon Ton club played at cards at the home of Mrs. Robison. Prizes and dainty viands added to the evening's enjoyment.

Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Royce gave a large and successful dancing party in honor of their sons at Morand's assembly Friday evening.

Mrs. Rothschild and Mrs. Sampson entertained fifty guests at high five Wednesday afternoon. Score-cards were valentines with pink bows.

Miss Nash gave a chafing dish supper Thursday evening complimentary to her guests, Miss Doyle of Detroit and Miss Dannemiller of Canton.

A skating party was given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Lathory which proved highly enjoyable. After skating till 10 an attractive luncheon was served.

The Unity church entertained its members and friends at a supper and musicale Wednesday evening which proved highly enjoyable to the large number of guests.

Ruth Rebekah lodge No. 1 gave a pleasant dance Wednesday evening. The reception committee was composed of Mesdames Wood, Stuht, Jones, Standevan and Misses Jackson and Hamlin.

Mrs. Manderson gave a delightful luncheon for Miss Black of Chicago, Thursday. The tables and rooms were beautiful with yellow daffodils. Covers were laid for twenty-four.

The Unique Pleasure club gave its third ball of the season at Thurston Rifles' hall Wednesday evening. The affair was largely attended and good music and refreshments added to a royal entertainment.

Mr. Francis Potter and Mr. Sigmund Landsberg, two of Omaha's prominent musicians, entertained their friends with a mandolin and piano recital Thursday evening at their studios in the Ramge building.

Mrs. Yost entertained at lunch for Mrs. Barkalow of Denver at the Omaha club Monday. American Beauties marked the plates for Mrs. D. S. Barkalow, Mrs. S. D. Barkalow, Mesdames Yost, Wood, Coutant and Orcutt.

The Omaha Guards, whose entertainments always prove delightful, gave one of the most successful dances of the season at their armory Thursday evening. In spite of the inclement weather the attendance was unusually large.

Mrs. Isaac Coles gave a 1-o'clock luncheon for Miss Lewis of New Haven. The decorations were in pink and white. Covers were laid for Miss Lewis, Miss Wilson of New York, Mrs. Reed of Denver, Mrs. Luther Kountze, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Hull and Miss Millard.

Mrs. E. K. Mackey entertained the guests of the Utopia Tuesday evening at six-handed high five. Thirty-six were present. After refreshments had been served by the hostess the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing and music. The entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Wednesday evening was the scene of a gathering of little men and women at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wagner, 2119 Grant street, the occasion being a valentine party given by Miss Hazel Wagner. Twenty-five were present. Games and hearty refreshments were indulged in.

The Odeon Dramatic club held an interesting meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Edward Porter Peck. The members are manifesting much enthusiasm over the new mode of entertainment, while their friends hope for an early manifestation of their budding dramatic talent.

Mrs. Russell L. Huntley entertained at cards Thursday afternoon. The home was beautifully decorated, the prevailing colors being pink. Ten games of high five were played. Mrs. Ochiltree won first prize, a point lace handkerchief; Mrs. D. J. O'Brien won second honors and Mrs. M. Dillon third.

Mrs. Herschel P. Hamilton of 1616 Locust street gave a small card party Wednesday afternoon. Her mother, Mrs. Hansen, assisted in receiving. The rooms were decorated with ferns, palms, red and pink roses and smilax. The refreshments harmonized with the prevailing colors—red and pink.

Martha Finley Pinkerton gave an enjoyable at home at the residence of her uncle, R. A. Finley, 2516 Davenport street, on the evening of St. Valentine day in honor of her church and alumni friends, class of '97, Omaha High school. About fifty were in attendance. Refreshments were served and the evening was pleasantly spent.

A most enjoyable surprise phantom party was given for Miss Estelle Campbell, Twenty-third and I streets, South Omaha, by about a dozen Omaha young people. Snap-shots of the party, in mask and otherwise, were taken and music, dancing and games were the amusements. A varied and unique lunch was served at the proper hour—at midnight.

According to the plan of their artistic white and gold Year Book, the P. E. O.'s held a social session at the home of Miss Laura Brunner, 414 North Nineteenth street. The hostess was assisted by Miss Mayme Hutchinson and cards was the order of entertainment. A number of visiting P. E. O.'s were present and the afternoon was delightfully spent.

A surprise party was given Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. L. Landen, 1903 Paul street. Light refreshments were served. The guests were: Mrs. J. Clauson, Mrs. J. Peterson, Mrs. H. Campton, Mrs. I. Peterson, Mrs. A. Bowman, Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. O. Landen, Miss Olive Wadsworth, Miss Mildred Clauson, Miss Mabel Peterson, Miss Mary Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Livingston entertained with progressive high five a number of their friends at their residence on Howard street last Friday evening. Mrs. Undeland, Mr. Church, Mrs. Church, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Sutton, Miss Holdrege and Miss Irene Connoran were the prize winners. A superb repast was served during the evening and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The members of the Wisteria Card club tendered a surprise party to Mrs. E. Walter at her home, 2313 Douglas street, Thursday evening. Mrs. Walter recovered from the surprise occasioned by the arrival of so many guests and entertained the club in an admirable manner, serving a delicious luncheon. The evening was spent at cards and was a most enjoyable one for all the guests.

Friday evening the K. of A. club was entertained at the home of two of its members, Mr. C. J. and Mr. J. Burr Taylor. Progressive high five was the leading feature of the evening. At the close of the games dainty refreshments were served. The club colors, pink and green, were very artistically carried out in the score cards and also in the refreshments. After refreshments a musical program was rendered.

The household economics department of the Council Bluffs and Omaha Women's clubs were guests at a delightfully informal tea given by the political and social science department of the Omaha Women's club last Monday afternoon. Tea and cake were served by Mesdames Draper Smith, Fuller, Ferguson, Langfeldt, Stoddard, Damon, Wagner, McMurphy and Lobingier. Preceding the social hour the regular program was given, consisting of a review of Miss Salmon's book, "Domestic Service," followed by a general discussion.

A delightful valentine card party was held Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Maud Lloyd, 615 North Twentieth street, in honor of Miss Mame Berry and Miss May Foley of Burlington, who have been visiting in the city the past week. Miss Mame Berry and Mr. Joe Spellman were the fortunate ones in securing first prizes, while the consolation fell to Miss Myrtle Keefer of South Omaha and Mr. J. A. Davis. After refreshments had been served those present were entertained by several choice musical numbers, notable among which was a comical selection efficiently rendered by Mr. Albert C. Smalley.

Mr. B. E. Wilcox and bride entertained newly married couples of South Omaha at their home at Twenty-fourth and K streets last Tuesday evening at a very pretty valentine party, at which the principal pastime was the game of "hearts" at cards. As Cupid's arrow had pierced each heart during the last few months everything in the way of amusement appealed directly to the young people. The novel, unique menu was a drawing card. It read "Broken heart, joined heart, bleeding heart, frozen hearts' blood, consolation, love's currency, light hearts. The game was a jolly one. The winners of first prizes were Mrs. Frank Jones and A. C. Denney; the consolation prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Christie. The menu cards—tally sheets—were all in some form of hearts.

Out of Town Guests.

Rev. A. M. Perry is visiting his brother in Omaha.

Miss Elizabeth Marshall of Lincoln is an Omaha guest.

Mr. William Hoose of Davenport is visiting in Omaha.

Mrs. Chesborough of St. Louis is the guest of Mrs. Coutant.

Mrs. Wiseman is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Williamson.

Miss Sellers of Chicago, guest of Miss Peck, has returned home.

Miss Blanche Ettman of St. Joseph is the guest of the Misses Rehfeld.

Mrs. Reed of Denver is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Coles.

Mr. Charles Diehl of Cincinnati is the guest of Mr. Charles Young.

Mr. Sherman Canfield of Sheridan, Wyo., is the guest of old friends in the city.

Miss Berry and Miss Foley left for Burlington Friday evening. They were the guests of Miss Maud Floyd.

Mr. Max Meyer, formerly of Omaha, is in the city from Baltimore, to attend the silver anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Rehfeld.

Mrs. Joseph Teeters, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Grace, guests of Dr. D. P. Teeters, have gone to their home at Bennington, Va.

Mrs. George V. Ayres of Deadwood, S. D., is expected today for an extended visit with friends and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Coon, 2578 Harney street.

Weddings and Engagements.

Announcement cards are out for the marriage of Miss Ester Beman to Mr. Harrison Oliver Benford of Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Minnie Tylee of South Omaha was united in marriage last Wednesday to Mr. Joseph D. McHugh, a well-known young business man of Beatrice, Neb., at St. Joseph's church, Beatrice. It was also the occasion of the marriage of Mr. McHugh's sister, Miss Nellie, to Mr. Robert Hopkins of Crete. Miss Tylee was attended by Miss Genevieve Tylee of South Omaha, and Miss McHugh by Miss Katherine Marlowe of Beatrice. Mr. Alfred Goodwin of Crete and Mr. Jack Riordan of Lincoln officiated for the gentlemen.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts on South Twenty-fifth avenue Wednesday evening occurred the marriage of Miss Ysobel Roberts, eldest daughter of the above, and Mr. Charles Callanan, general manager of the supply department of the Woodmen of the World, who has been in charge of that department for a number of years. Miss Roberts for the last four or five years has been private stenographer and confidential clerk of Sovereign Clerk John T. Yates. The employes of the offices contributed liberally for a beautiful wedding present, a handsome china cabinet. Numerous individual presents were also given.

OMAHA SUBURBS.

Florence.

William Pulte was a business visitor in Omaha Wednesday.

E. H. Walker is serving on the jury this term of court at Omaha.

The Woodmen Circle will give a dance at the city hall February 22.

Mrs. L. K. Yost entertained some of her Omaha friends Thursday and Friday.

Charles Brewer went to Calhoun Friday to visit his brother-in-law, who is very sick.

Mrs. Charles Brewer spent three days of this week at Calhoun on account of the sickness of her brother, Mr. Hardy, who lives there.

A fire in the old Peterson building Friday called out the fire department. The blaze was quickly put out, with about $50 damage to the building. No insurance.

Jonathan lodge, No. 225, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, put on the first and second degrees Friday night. It will also institute a Rebekah lodge here in the near future, the charter having been granted.

McCoy & Olmsted of Omaha have built an icehouse this week on the property formerly owned by William Parks. It will hold 3,000 tons when finished. They have 1,500 tons up now and next week will have the house filled.

The ice harvest is going on at a good rate. There is being shipped out forty cars of ice per day, which is being cut from the river above the waterworks, and there are several gangs of men cutting from the reservoirs and storing in the houses.

Dundee.

Valentine day was celebrated by some childrens' parties in the village.

Mr. James W. Hamilton has been spending a couple of weeks at his old home in Kentucky.

Mr. W. L. Selby left on Friday for Chicago, where he will stop a few days before going on to New York.

On Thursday Mrs. William Colfax surprised her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Selby, by returning unexpectedly from her eastern trip. She is in the best of health.

On Wednesday evening, at the home of Mr. J. H. Parrotte, corner of Forty-eighth and Davenport streets, a pretty reception was given to the Parrotte-Goodrich wedding party and a few intimate friends and relatives, following the ceremony at All Saints church.

Something Worth Reading

OMAHA, Nebraska, Feb. 17, 1900.

MR. JOHN DALE, GENERAL AGENT,
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO., CITY:

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your company's check for $13,764.00 being in full settlement of the policies held by me on the life of my husband, the late General Thaddeus H. Stanton, late Paymaster General of the U. S. Army. I thank you for your interest, and the company for its promptness and consideration. The history of these policies has been very satisfactory. One for $10,000 was paid up in ten years at a cost of $4,431.77 in 1880; since then we have received in cash dividends over $1,900, thus reducing the cost of this policy at death to less than $2,500, and the other policies in the same proportion. A policy in the "Aetna" is a solid dependence and a substantial help.

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Stock Collars for 10c—that were 25c and 35c.

Stock Collars for 25c—that were 50c.

Velvet Beaded Stock Collars at just half former price.

Silk and Satin Dress Fronts for 50c—that were $1.00 and $1.50. For 75c—that were $1.50 and $2.50.

Handsome Tinted Table Covers for Embroidering—prices were 25c to $2.50—now just half former price.

Children's Silk Hoods at just half former price.

Children's fancy Cashmere Stockings—were 50c—now 25c.

We have a few children's cloaks and jackets left—we are selling at half former price.

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ACTIVITY IN DRUG CIRCLES

Numerous Retail Dealers from Nebraska and Surrounding States Visit Omaha Wholesalers.

The last week has been an unusually active one in local drug circles. A large number of retail drug dealers from the patronizing territory of the Omaha drug jobbers have been in the city. Their presence in most cases was for the purpose of making purchases. Among the visitors were the following:

N. P. Hansen, Kearney; H. H. Barth, Lincoln; H. R. Gering, Plattsmouth; C. L. Stillman, Columbus; W. M. Pigott, H. C. Barton, Hudson, S. D.; Charles L. Kettlewell, Oakland, Ia.; P. C. Corrigan, O'Neill; S. L. Berkley, Woodbine, Ia.; Martin Lewis, Chicago; W. E. Bosserman, Geneva; J. P. Cooper, Arcadia; C. T. Fairall, Tecumseh; A. W. Montgomery, Stella; F. B. Porter, Hardy; W. C. Carraher, Union; A. L. Adams, Talmage; G. O. Barnes, Tamora; John Christensen, Craig; E. W. Schirmer, Nebraska City; F. Retzman, Alma; J. Hauptman, Weeping Water; Adolph Zastera, Howell; L. T. Murfin, Ponca; G. O. Fairchild, Loomis; F. C. Kenower, Jackson; Frank Kinyon, Fullerton; Dana Dodge, North Bend; J. B. Chadwick, Beloit, Ia.; E. J. Kelso, Carleton; E. Helsing, Wahoo; Charles E. Stout, O'Neill; James Marion, Humphrey; R. E. Sheffer, Ponca; A. L. Gerber, Wymore; A. T. Gatewood, Cozad.

Did Not Endorse Stuht.

The free silver republican city committee met yesterday morning for the purpose of taking final action in regard to the nomination of councilman in the First ward. Chairman Burnham called the meeting to order and stated that the conference committee's report was still to be acted upon.

The committee in executive session then discussed the situation and candidates. Finally, by a vote of 10 to 2, it decided to nominate no one for councilman in the First ward, basing its action upon the resolution adopted by the convention that the democrats should be conceded the nomination in that ward, together with the fact that the populists had failed to endorse the democratic nominee.

Funeral of Charles S. Cullingham.

The funeral of Mr. Charles Sidney Cullingham took place from his residence, 1123 South Thirty-second street, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The Episcopal service was read by Dean Campbell Fair of Trinity cathedral. The pallbearers were Mr. William Wallace, G. M. Hitchcock, Dr. Nelson Mercer, George Hulst, Warren Hillis, William N. Cox, Mr. Weise of Milwaukee and W. A. Carter. The interment was at Forest Lawn cemetery.

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