

## A MATRIMONIAL PROSPECTUS.

UPID, after dangling around the edge of Lincoln society for a year or two, occasionally making a bold lunge and securing notable victims here and there, has at last stormed the citadel and if one is to believe the reports that come from the most authentic sources the victory was so complete that half of the besieged were placed in subjection.

Not since four or five years ago when a matrimonial epidemic raged in this city for a brief space, has there been such a promising outlook for orange blossoms as at the present time. From far away mountain side comes the pleasing intelligence that the subtle influence of nature's flowering time has entwined the hearts of congenial people, and from the lakes is wafted breezes that tell of mating. And at home there has been a like activity along the lines that lead to Hymen. This summer, indeed, the Lincoln young man's fancy, has turned to thoughts of love, and it is a pleasure to record the fact that so many have more or less suddenly "read life's meaning in each others' eyes."

There will doubtless be some postponements, and there will also be a few surprises in unsuspected quarters. Enough is assured, however, to make the approaching winter season one of unusual interest.

Lincoln will witness in the coming eight or ten months one of the matrimonial waves that usually come once in four years. This is about the interval that usually elapses between the entree of one so-called "set," and the appearance of the succeeding set, and matrimonial climaxes are commonly coincident with the changes in the personnel of the active elements of society.

Of the many engagements of which there is cognizance, there are very few in which there is not a measure of secrecy, and the chronicler of these interesting incidents must needs be somewhat careful in his task. So few people in these days follow the good old fashion of announcing engagements in a straightforward manner. Beman Dawes and Miss Bertie Burr had the courage to act independently, and their way is undoubtedly the best. Mr. Dawes has made much headway in his comparatively brief residence in Lincoln, both as regards business and society. His betrothed is a universally admired young lady, whose many graces and charms are well known in this city. She possesses unusual accomplishments, and enjoys, by reason of her family and her own rare qualities, a leading position in the most exclusive society circle. It is understood that Mr. Dawes and Miss Burr will be married in the fall.

Another engagement in which many people will be interested concerns a well known and popular young lawyer who has been particularly adroit, and a charming young lady residing in Mt. Pleasant, Ia., who has frequently visited friends in this city. The young lady in question and her sister spent a few days in Lincoln the past winter and were tendered a large reception, one of the largest ever given here. The prospective groom is a member of the Union club and it is said that he plays whist uncommonly well. He is not especially fond of society, but he was a familiar figure at most of last winter's functions and he is much respected. At the bar he has already achieved much success, and the future, it is believed, has much that is good in store for him. The date of the wedding has not been fixed.

The announcement that one of the most distinguished attorneys in the city, an ex-United States district attorney for Nebraska, and ex assistant secretary of the treasury under President Harrison, is engaged to be married will doubtless be received with considerable surprise. For that gentleman has been circumspect in his attentions, and outside of a few intimate friends there is probably no suspicion of an approaching marriage on his part. His affianced is a most estimable young lady, possessed of beauty and marked intellectual attainments. She is much better known in Omaha where she formerly resided than in Lincoln. Her family left this city for the east about the first of June after a brief residence here. Mr. L. is now at her home in the east. The consummation of the engagement is expected some time before Christmas.

The fact that Mr. John Dorgan has of late been improving the residence property on south Fourteenth street recently purchased by him, together with some other considerations, is taken

by his friends as pointing to the early peal of wedding bells. The engagement of Mr. Dorgan and Miss Wilson is generally known.

In the party of which Mr. Dorgan and Miss Wilson were members, and which returned last week from Big Goose canon, in the Big Horn mountains, in Wyoming, there were two other couples, who, according to the most authentic reports, are properly deserving of mention in this category. One of the gentlemen is a young attorney—it will be noticed that some attorneys have been markedly successful in their suits recently—and a popular young lady, a member of one of the oldest families in the city. The attorney is a republican nominee for an important office. Of the other couple one is a young business man who takes an active part in society, and the other a young lady who is at present visiting in the city.

Another reported engagement is that of a popular young society man, a member of an old Lincoln family, whose business is insurance and loans, and a young lady, a decided favorite, who spent some months last spring visiting a well known mining town in Colorado.

Friends of a well known furniture merchant who was until recently a recognized leader of society, but who has of late been giving his attention to more serious things, assert that he is in a fair way to join the procession.

In the younger set it is said that there is an engagement between the accomplished son of a prominent music dealer and the younger sister of a lady to whom reference has already been made in this article.

Rumor of a matrimonial character has also attached itself to another young couple, the lady bearing a familiar and much respected name, and the gentleman a popular member of the smart set.

The young councilman whose devotions in the last six months have been observed with much interest, is also deserving of a place in this list. The reticence of this gentleman regarding his intentions has kept his friends in a state of uncertainty which, up to the present time, has not been relieved.

A prominent member of the Patriarchs is by some of his friends placed in the list of probabilities.

Mention was made some time ago of the engagement of a well-known bank cashier to a young lady who has on numerous occasions pleased Lincoln audiences by her charming recitations.

This is also a general acceptance of the engagement of two prominent members of the younger set, the gentleman the son of a wealthy property owner who numbers a theatre, or to be strictly correct, half of a theatre, among his possessions, and the young lady a much admired member of a family that has had two fashionable weddings in the last four or five years.

The list might be lengthened indefinitely; but THE COURIER cannot possibly give sufficient space in one issue to permit of a complete index to the matrimonial intentions of society people in this city.

"Hard times! the cry is heard on all sides. It is on every lip. The millionaire and the street arab utter it alike. Indeed it seems to be the thought paramount in the minds of all.

In some parts of the state where there hasn't been a failure in crops for seventeen years there is a complete failure this year.

A very common sight is a farmer with his wife, children and a few household effects crowded into a rickety old wagon which is drawn by a team of horses barely able to make a shadow, wending his way eastward to winter with his wife's folks.

Thus talked Mr. Haljett, the well known jeweler at 1143 O street. "But" he continued, "we are going to do business just the same. We will order just as large and as complete a stock of watches, clocks, diamonds and jewelry as usual, and expect to sell as much. But the prices will be different—they will be 'hard time's' prices. We would rather do a large business on a small margin than a small business at big prices. We have bought our goods close, we are going to sell them close. Realizing the meaning of hard times, we will act accordingly by selling goods at prices which all can reach."

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