

Gleanings from The Social Word.

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Meeting of the Fidelio Literary Club.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Misses Clara and Emma Florsheim entertained the club, and one of the most pleasant afternoons, on record, was spent.

John Milton was the interesting topic of discussion, and a pretty sketch of his life was read by Miss Carrie Florsheim. Quotations were from his "Paradise Lost."

Miss Bella rendered a sweet vocal selection, "Thine," from "Robyne."

And then "a reading," by Miss Sadie Bejach.

After some discussion on different topics, the meeting adjourned till March 24, when Miss Hanna Kahn will entertain the club. The programme arranged for the occasion differs somewhat to those previously had, and promises to be one of great interest.

Miss Anna Betts, who is the guest of Mrs. Herold was among the visitors present at the meeting.

The young people had a treat in the manner of dainty refreshments: the table was attractive in its floral decorations of vicia, hyacinths and geranium blossoms.

The little folks are gossiping about the good time in store for them on next Saturday night. Prof. Weissner will give his "children's ball." No grown person will be allowed on the floor till after 10 o'clock. McKinney's band will furnish the music.

Miss Anna Betts, a charming young lady of Brooklyn, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Herman Herold, on Travis street.

We are glad to welcome to our city Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard and Miss Ethel Blanchard, who arrived last Monday night from Washington.

Those fortunate enough to have listened to the music of the serenaders last Wednesday night cannot help praising the good playing of the members of the "Shreveport Symphony Club."

The monogram fan bids fair to become quite a fad. It is really as pretty as can be made into a much prized souvenir. Get a fan with a plain, smooth black "body" and then beseege your friends and acquaintances with requests for their seals, crests, mottoes and monograms, or you can cut these from notes and letters. Trim them carefully and paste them on your fan, taking care not to let them come into the folds. The entire fan may be so fully and evenly covered the back ground will be hidden. Do your pasting carefully and see how artistically you can arrange your trophies.

Heaped up on a luxurious looking divan in a dainty boudoir, I saw more pretty cushions than one could count the other day. And a cushion must have some especially striking points to attract the eye in these days of multitudinous varieties. One beauty I singled out to tell you about. It was small and square; the "show" side had a plain center of soft white India silk, a border and deeper corners of deep crimson, with a conventionalized pattern of leaves, outlined in heavy gilt cord joining the two silks. The reverse side was plainly covered with a bright shade of olive silk and a small twisted silk cord of red and olive finished the pillow, with a loop or two at each corner. The excellent combination of color in this cushion was its strong point.

According to the almanac it is spring.

Therefore, if we were to be strictly technical, we should have to don our best and newest gowns in honor of the season. However, as the church kindly steps in with the Lenten days, we are absolved from any such action until after the Easter lilies come. And then, ye gods, what an array will be visible.

The dressmakers tell us that it has been an exceeding long time since variety of costume and beauty of material have been charmingly combined as in the constructions of the dressmaker already planned for the Easter days.

The truest of all things that can be said about the Easter designs is that while they are novel that they are not strictly new. We are often told that in dresses for women there is never anything new under the sun—that history merely repeats itself. Now, oftentimes, this is an atrocious slander. Our gowns are novel and new, and in my heart I have often believed that the reason they were said not to be was because of that innate jealousy of man, who secretly fumes because his clothes are never anything but worked over styles.

This year, however, we must confess that the novelties are as few as honest men in politics, and even women know what varieties such things are.

There is no intention to recall a single word of praise said of the Easter costumes. They are just as pretty as can be, and the woman who could not find something to please her among them is really too particular for this world. It is just a feast to go and look at the fashion plates, and if you know some milliner, some swell one, well enough to get in behind the scenes, your breath will be fairly taken away by what is shown you. Probably you will not have money enough to indulge in the beautiful creations you see, but then you know there is always the satisfaction of realizing that the less expensive gowns are nothing in the world but combinations of ideas gained from other gowns, whose cost has a terrific effect on a bank account or a lonely purse.

Anniversary of a Silver Wedding.

One of the events in the social world of the past week was the celebration on last Monday night of Mr. and Mrs. V. Grosjean's silver wedding anniversary at their home on Hicks street.

The home was beautifully decorated with choice flowers and shrubbery, while Japanese lanterns illuminated the gallery. Mr. and Mrs. Grosjean were assisted in entertaining their guests of the evening by their charming daughter, Miss Agnes, whose happy and appropos greeting to each guest won for her much admiration. She was becomingly attired in a light pink gown.

The many presents, as the occasion demanded, were all of choice silverware.

The table was laden with choicest etables and were heartily enjoyed by the large number of guests.

Sincerest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Grosjean.

Mr. Grosjean is editor and publisher of the Caucasian, and is quite a popular man of the town.

Owing to the inclement weather of last Tuesday evening, there were not as large a crowd as usual at the soiree at the Armory Hall, but those present danced the German and had a general good time.

Two men stood chatting on the sidewalk before one of our pretty residences one sunny day last week.

A coupe drove up. Within were four gay society maids in handsome afternoon toilets, out for a round of visits.

Two of them alighted and tripped up the broad stone steps, while the others waited in the carriage.

But not for long. Back came the "buds" after a minute, and as the last one, a brunette, whose big melting brown eyes plays

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sad havoc with many hearts, put her dainty patent leather boot on the carriage step, she exclaimed in tones of delight, and so distinctly that both men heard her: "How's this for a piece of tremendous good luck? The horrid old thing wasn't home, and I won't have to call again until Lent is over!"

The others congratulated and off they drove. The elder of the two men—a "gentleman of the old school"—turned to his companion and sighed, as he asked: "Is society nowadays as hypocritical as that girl, only in her first season, who accepts invitations from the woman at whose house she just left her card, and yet can speak of her in such tones?"

"Is there no more genuineness in visiting and in friendships formed within the exclusive social circles?"

This brings to mind what some great orator said once:

"The church is too large to hold my acquaintances; the pulpit too small to hold my friends."

SPINNERS—WHEELS.

The Wheelmen of Shreveport met on Monday night at their Club rooms, and perfected a strong organization of over forty charter members.

Following are the minutes of the meeting:

"Mr. Leon Kahn called the meeting to order, which had convened at the rooms of the Louisiana Cycle Co., 203 Milam street. Mr. E. Phelps moved that all those who had not become charter members, and wished to join the club, be requested to sign the roll.

The following is a list of the charter members:

Messrs W. C. Charles, D. J. Thurston, George M. Agurs, S. T. Abbott, Wm Lowe J. B. Hutchinson, M. L. Bath, F. H. Gosman Jr., S. G. Wolfe, D. F. Wadley, T. W. Enders, S. Florsheim, R. Kosminski, M. McKibben, Will Hinton, Robt Ward, A. Prescott, A. Kahn, Sid Florsheim, F. H. Gosman, J. C. Abel, W. C. Charles Jr., Nathan Goldstein, M. Scovell, F. Kaliski, H. S. Hart, I. Wolfe, M. Stone, E. Phelps Jr., Leon Kahn, David Taber, H. Fetzer, P. Semansky, T. B. Chase, W. S. Knox, Charlie Hotchkiss, T. R. Davis, P. Levy, Robt Carr, F. N. Gilt, F. M. Parlear and Joe Hanna.

Nominations for permanent officers of the club were then declared in order. The election resulted as follows: H. S. Hart, president; Leon Kahn, vice-president; E. Kaliski, secretary; W. C. Charles, treasurer.

A motion by Mr. Leon Kahn was

adopted that the president appoint a committee on constitution and by-laws. The chairman appointed the following gentlemen on the committee: D. F. Wadley, M. Scovell, G. A. Agurs, S. L. Florsheim, S. T. Abbott.

A motion by Mr. Leon Kahn was adopted fixing the initiation fee for charter members at \$2.

Mr. W. C. Charles made a motion, which was duly adopted, that the chairman appoint a committee on track. The following gentlemen were appointed to constitute said committee: E. Phelps, Jr., E. Kaliski, D. F. Wadley, D. J. Thurston, S. T. Abbott, M. Scovell, Mr. McKibben. The president of the club was added as ex-officio chairman of the committee.

On motion each member was appointed a committee of one to solicit desirable membership to the club.

Mr. George Hadley appeared before the club with a proposition to build a track at Lakeside park, and the matter was referred to the track committee.

The meeting then stood adjourned until Thursday night, March 11th.

Thursday night session: President H. S. Hart called the house to order and asked for the report of the committees.

The committee on bylaws reported their action and asked for further time, which was granted.

Mr. E. Phelps, of the track committee, reported that the committee received several propositions by individuals and one from the city park committee, but asked for further time, which was granted.

On motion of Mr. Leon I. Kahn, the name "Shreveport Wheel and Good Road Club" was adopted. The collections for the evening amounted to \$29.

The new members were then added to the list, which run up the number to near seventy-five.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and adjourned to meet Tuesday Thursday night next week.

The club has agreed to pull off the road race as soon as the boys have time to train for the contest, which has been agreed to be from the intersection of Market and Milam streets, to the end of Plank Road and return to Y. M. C. A. building. This gives the racers a good chance to start and finish, and as the street commissioner has agreed to scrape Texas Avenue, the route will be a good one.

The challenges offered, have been accepted and will be pulled off under the

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