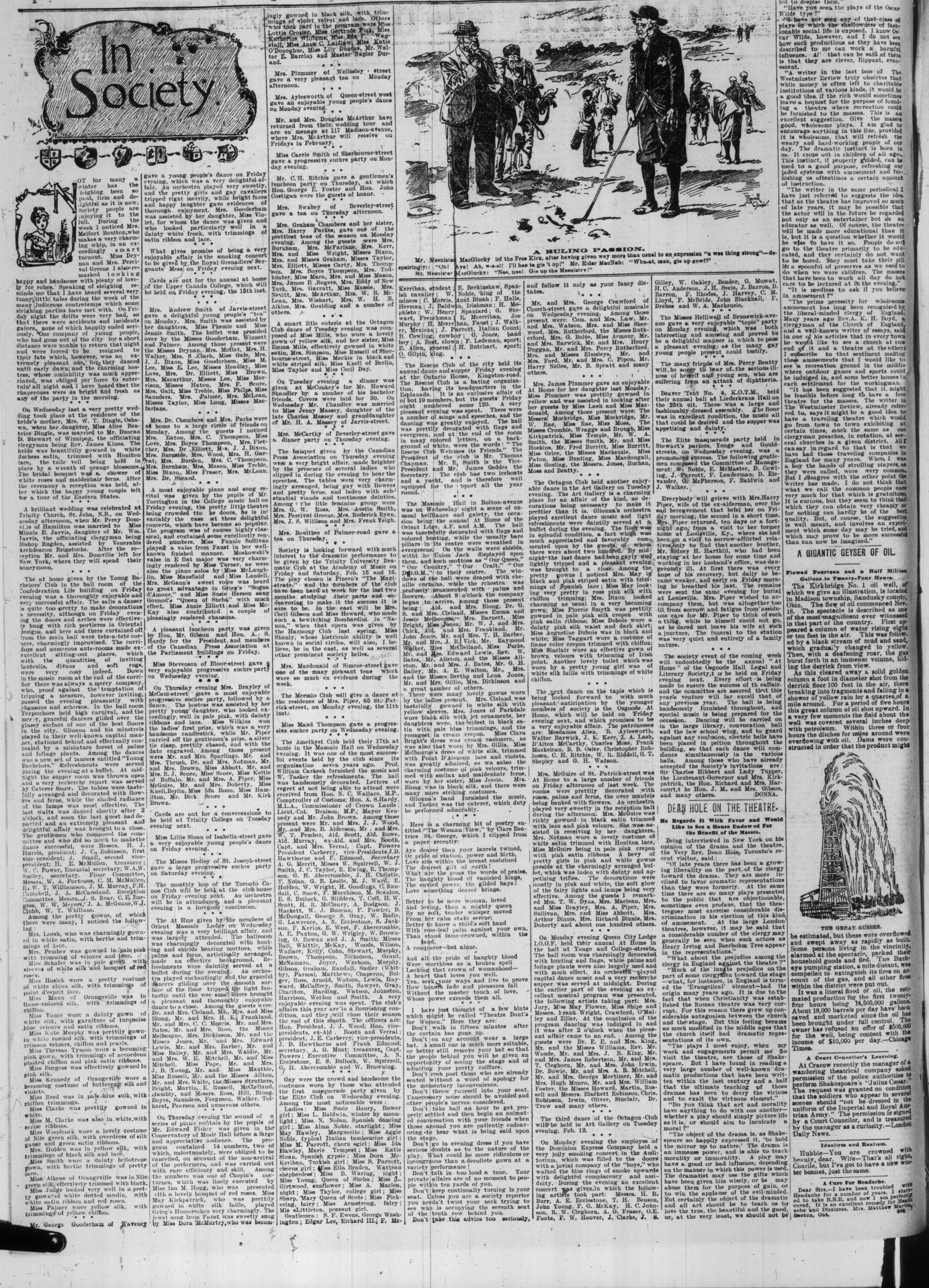
ingly gowned in black silk, with trimmings of violet velvet and lace. Others who took part in the program were Miss. Lottle Crozier, Miss Gertrude Pink, Miss Katherine Williams, Miss Age F. Wagsteff, Miss Anna C. Laidlaw, Miss Katie O'Donoghue, Miss Lily Dundas, Mr. Walter E. Barclay and Master Napier Durand.

Mrs. Plummer of Wellesley - street gave a very pleasant tea on Monday Mrs. Aylesworth of Queen-street west gave an enjoyable young people's dance on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur have returned from their wedding tour and are en menage at 117 Madison-avenue, where Mrs. McArthur will receive on Fridays in February.

Miss Carrie Smith of Sherbourne-street gave a progressive euchre party on Mon-day evening.

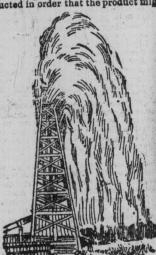


"Have you seen the plays of the Oscar Wilde type?"

""Have not seen any of that class of plays in which the shallowness of fashionable social life is exposed. I know Oscar Wilde, however, and I do not see how such productious as they have been described to me can work a harmful influence. A! that can be said of them is that they are clever, flippant, evanescent.

"A writer in the last isue of a good idea if the rich would sometimes leaver a bequest for the purpose of founding a theatre where recreation could be furnished to the masses. This is an excellent suggestion. Give the masses good, wholesome plays. I am glad to encourage anything in this line, provided it is wholesome, that will refresh the weary and hard-working people of our day. The dramatic instinct is born in us. It crops out in children of all ages, This instinct, if properly guided, can be used to a good purpose, refreshing our jaded systems with amusement and furnishing us oftentimes a certain amount of instruction.

"The writer in the same periodical I have just referred to suggests the idea that as the theatre has improved so much



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A Chronicle of Uncousidere Criticism of the Light of the Time. Considering that the Blake affects a sphinx-li when in Canada and dec utmost firmness to talk en or to be interviewe that he, of all men, sho with "blabbing." His e the offer of Lady Aberdee tate Baron Tweedmous £2000 to the Home Ru seem to imply that the always he who keeps but he who knows when man of experience in in makes a mistake. to say and how and whe a consequence he talks no of exposing his knowledge did-but with a view of did-but with a view of most capital for himself The way to do that is distretion. Mr. Blake, made the prime mistake o the Home Rule cause was The very spirit, the ver very life of Home Rule Once place it on the de cause is lost.

that a young and versa known under his nom d mad," would probably sporting paper, I wrote Sandys, the man who he that bignature for fift who has not only amade as carried it through ase carried it through career of an occasional the editorship of a To paper and the authorsh of works on the best fi-ing waters and grounds lon of Canada, to the e-tending sporting magaz-that magnificent publica secretain if the report hat magnificent publicate accretain if the report by return mail I receivaying: "I have noth the 'proposed new spand the paper has no room de plume of 'Nomatiteen years, but I ney haybody, and I certainly identified with any identified with any

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As for the offices and district chief, len go a great way in merit and wit their part. Cust am not sure y appointment to posiermen should have no and is a relic of a men should have no except in ratification be left to choose his ment to political of members, and as electoral usefulness, the selection of lies brigade on the sam lous. At the pradderman is being 1 his friends and heels way of convergence. man. Of course eac for the preferment of dignity and declari will be used with
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