

SOCIETY NEWS AND CHAT.



There was no reception on Saturday at the White House, the President being away, but in his absence the house is being put into its summer dress of matting, and the furniture covered with linen covers. The verandah in front looks invitingly cool in the shade of gay, new awnings, with bamboo settees and chairs scattered about. It takes five hundred yards of matting to cover the floor of the East Room alone, and that put down is pure white, fine, and of the best quality. The festive tourist, eager for souvenirs, gathers up the corners and strips cut from the straw carpet and carries them away to put to ornamental uses at home. The fresh matting smells as odorously sweet as a newly-mown hay-field with the dew upon it.

Mrs. Morton has been one of the benefactors of the House of the Good Shepherd, in which she has taken sufficient interest to secure the sisters considerable work, and also to call the attention of Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. McLean to the humane mission of the sisters in charge. Considerable work from the Executive Mansion has recently been given to this institution. The new House of the Good Shepherd is located near Georgetown, and the sisters are in expectation of moving to it in August. The house on Ninth street was once the family residence of Admiral Smith, of the Navy. His daughter, Miss Anna E. Smith, transferred the property only a few years ago to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The needs of the house soon outgrew its size, and the sisters found it impossible to carry on their good work as they wished, as the house did not contain sufficient room for the inmates, who are in charge of six sisters. All kinds of fine sewing, embroidery, and fancy work is done in the institution. At the new house the inmates will have the pleasure and comfort of ample grounds, and there will be rooms enough to accommodate one hundred. Now only forty-six can be received. The House of the Good Shepherd was incorporated in this city in 1858. The incorporators were Sister Mary Thomas, Sister Mary Martin, Alice L. Riggs, Harriet Loring, Anna E. Smith, Mrs. S. S. Barbour, Mrs. R. T. Merrick, Dr. T. B. Loring, Mr. E. Francis Riggs, and Mr. Martin F. Morris.

The marriage of Mrs. Kate Chorpennig and Mr. Walter E. Wright, which was solemnized at the parsonage of St. Patrick's Church in this city on Thursday evening last, the 28th instant, is the happy consummation of a purpose necessarily developed in consequence of the bride's health, and a truly a joining of hearts whose hearts have pulsated in unison for years. Their marriage is, to use a metaphor, the realization of early hopes and ambitions. They were friends in youth and lovers, became separated, and the bride married her first husband, who died about eight years since. They now unite the love of eighteen years ago. Mrs. Chorpennig was becomingly attired in a handsome dove-colored patterned dress, with bonnet and gloves to match. Their wedding was informal and quiet, no friends being invited to witness the ceremony or to extend their congratulations upon their return home after its performance. This course was pursued in deference to the wishes of the bride, whose health, while not yet fully restored to its normal condition, is, her multitude of friends are happy to know, sufficiently recovered to permit the culmination of the event of Thursday. Mrs. Wright possesses one of the sunniest dispositions, and numbers her friends by the score. She was the recipient of many valuable and beautiful tokens of their esteem and regard. All unite in congratulating both, but particularly the groom, in securing so valuable a helpmate, and in wishing them long life, unalloyed happiness, and unlimited prosperity. In former years Mr. Wright, who now fills a responsible position in the Government Printing Office, was an active and influential member of the Washington Light Infantry Corps, the city's crack military organization.

A pretty wedding took place on Tuesday afternoon at the home of the bride, 1308 Vermont avenue. The contracting parties were Miss Amanda Howard, niece of Mr. F. A. Richardson, of the Baltimore *Star*, and Mr. John H. Gwynn, of this city. Rev. Father Chappelle performed the marriage ceremony. The house was elaborately decked with tropical plants, spring blossoms, and quantities of fragrant pink roses massed either in jars or set in great bunches against the vivid green of the tropical plants. The bride and groom stood under an arch made of mosses, ferns, and vines. The bride wore an exquisite traveling costume of pearl-gray Henrietta and faille, with velvet toque of corresponding shade, ornamented with a wreath of pink flowers. Her bouquet was a great bunch of La France roses. After the marriage service a handsome collation was served in the dining-room. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were invited to the wedding. Among them were Mr. B. F. Gwynn, father of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gwynn, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. George Alfred Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Beale H. Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn left on an afternoon train for an extended wedding journey. They will spend the hot weather at the bride's country estate in Harford County, Md., and on their return here in the autumn they will purchase a house for a winter residence.

The Vice Consul of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, Mr. Louis Bagger, assisted by his amiable wife, entertained a large and distinguished assemblage of guests at their closing soiree on Monday last. These musical soires have been quite a feature in the musical atmosphere of Washington, and have made the Danish Consulate, on Capitol Hill, one of the centres of attraction for the lovers of vocal and instrumental music of a high order. Among the performers on this closing occasion were Miss Georgia Metzger, contralto; Miss Isis McMillan, soprano; Misses Roberta Platt and Adelina Carson, pianistes, and Mr. Edward Droop, whose performances elicited well-deserved applause from an audience well qualified to pass judgment in musical matters.

At the Garfield Hospital fête last week Mr. and Mrs. Lensen De Forest Jennings, of New York, won golden opinions from the ladies of the supper committee for the efficient aid they rendered in arranging the supper tent and decorating the tables, some of which were not only novel but beautiful. Mrs. Jennings is one of the most active members of the Sewing Circle, and many of the choicest specimens of art embroidery were the work of her skillful hand. The ladies of the supper committee were so indebted to Mr. Jennings for his help that they called upon Mr. and Mrs. Jennings after the fête to express their thanks and appreciation.

The Misses Stages, of Fourteenth street, Thomas Circle, gave a bawjo party on Tuesday evening last that was enjoyed by a large number of friends. The musical portion of the programme was rendered excellently by Professor William Collins, Miss Stager, Mrs. Zach. Carpenter, Miss Ida Collins, Professor Jecko, Mr.



MISS LETITIA ALDRICH.

Miss Letitia Aldrich was born in San Francisco, Cal. She is a niece of Mrs. Senator Stewart and grand-daughter of the late Hon. Henry S. Foote, of Mississippi. Miss Aldrich received her education in California, and early evinced dramatic talent, which was fostered by being selected as prize reader during her school days. Her first appearance as an amateur was in the rôle of Galatea. During the past winter she has been devoting herself to the pleasures of society, which she enjoyed immensely. She has, with characteristic kindness, given her services to assist in amateur performances, notably the recent one for the benefit of the Home for Incurables at Lincoln Music Hall, when she took the part of Galatea with notable success. There is no question of Miss Aldrich's unusual fitness for a dramatic career, her talents being of a high order and most carefully cultivated, but she has at last concluded to play her part on the stage of matrimony. The marriage will take place on Tuesday, in St. John's Church. Miss Aldrich has many warm friends and admirers in Washington who will wish her every happiness.

Stagg, and Mr. Joseph W. Collins. Among the guests were Mrs. Whitehead, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Standford, Mr. and Mrs. Little, of Xenia, Ohio; Miss Heywood, of Brandywine, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadley Doyle, Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Joseph W. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Keane, and Dr. Deale.

At the recent grand ball given in Paris by Minister and Mrs. Reid the American colony came to the front in full force. And it was a representation calculated to make the bird of freedom flap his wings in exultation, for the American women bore off the palm for elegance and beauty, as well as for magnificent gowns and jewels. President Carnot and all the Cabinet ministers were present, as well as a full representation from the diplomatic corps. Minister and Mrs. Reid were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Ogden Mills. Refreshments were served all evening from two buffets, and at 2 A. M. the guests enjoyed a superb supper.

Cards have been issued by Professor and Mrs. Cabell for three final evenings—the first on June 7, a reception to the eight graduates and their friends; the second, June 9, for the regular closing exercises of the school, to be held at the Fourteenth-street Lutheran Church, and the third, June 10, for a dance to be given at Masonic Temple. All the occasions are as strictly private as the first given at Mr. Cabell's residence. Admittance to the church and ball can be obtained only upon presentation of a card enclosed in the handsome invitations, of which a strict record has been kept. All three occasions call for evening dress.

The Spencerian commencement at Lincoln Hall on Monday night was a brilliant and interesting affair. It was the twenty-fourth annual commencement. Able addresses were made by Professor and Mrs. Spencer, Rev. Frank Sewall, and some words were addressed to the classes by Mr. M. Parker, Hon. William T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, awarded the diploma. The Marine Band was in attendance, and a fine selection of vocal and instrumental music was rendered under the direction of Mrs. H. H. Mills.

Mr. Herman Oelrichs, the pet beau of New York's Four Hundred, will wed Miss Theresa Alice Fair, of San Francisco, on Tuesday. Miss Birdie Fair will attend her sister as maid of honor. The wedding will be a brilliant society event in San Francisco. Miss Fair, who went to New York last fall, was a new element in New York society, and Mr. Oelrichs, after withstanding the beauty and fascination of two generations of New York girls, speedily succumbed to the charms of this "Fair Inez" who had "come out of the West."

The Queen's birthday was fittingly celebrated at the British Legation by a dinner to the members of the embassy and a reception later. The Marine Band "discouraged sweet music" in the garden, where the guests enjoyed strolling through the walks. The garden was charmingly lighted by Chinese lanterns. The Queen's portrait, at the first landing of the grand stairway, was appropriately trimmed with evergreens.

No more delightful summer vacation can be devised than that which THE SUNDAY HERALD has planned to give the most popular teacher in the Washington schools. If you have a friend engaged in educational work in the city who would like to spend a month in Europe this summer free of expense, read how you can help him or her to do it in the editorial and advertising columns of this paper.

Miss Rena Trust, of Baltimore, who has a large circle of friends in this city, scored a great success in the play of "In Honor Bound," recently given at the Lyceum, Baltimore. Miss Trust was unexpectedly called upon to fill the part of a lady, who, at almost the last moment,

was prevented from appearing. Miss Rena proved equal to the occasion and rendered the part most successfully.

Miss Sarah Fenner Lee recently sailed from Baltimore to join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fenner Lee, at Rio Janeiro. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are charmingly settled in a delightful house in one of the most charming localities of their new post. Miss Eleanor Carroll (Mrs. Fenner Lee's daughter) spent the month of April in Baltimore with Mrs. Graeme Harrison.

Hon. Rice A. Pierce and family have decided to give up their rooms on Capitol Hill about the middle of June and move out to Forest Inn Hotel for the rest of the summer. Mrs. Pierce is gifted with very pleasing manners, and is one of the most popular ladies in the Southern delegation and is making many friends in both official and private circles.

Mme. Catacazy, widow of the ex-Russian Ambassador to Washington, who died not long ago in Paris, is still a beautiful woman and retains the glorious golden hair which was the envy of her sex when she was in Washington. Of late a gleam of silver has shown among the gold, only to enhance the charm of the lady's appearance.

Senator Quay entertained a party of eight at a superb dinner on Friday night. The floral decorations were elaborate and artistic. The guests were Gen. Clarkson, Gen. Dudley, Col. Fessenden, Mr. Hobart, of New Jersey; ex-Representative Conger, of Ohio; Mr. Frank Willing Leach, and Mr. Payne, of Ohio.

Miss Lottie McCormick and Mr. David E. Pine, of the City Post Office, were united in marriage on Monday by Rev. Dr. Elliott, of the Ascension Church. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Pine left for a wedding trip to Philadelphia and New York. On their return to the city they will reside at 601 P street.

Pupils of Washington schools who would like to show their love for and appreciation of their favorite teacher can do so in no more effective way than by voting to give him or her a vacation in Europe free of expense this summer. Read the announcements about this free tour in another column.

The plans for summer of Minister and Madame Romero are yet undecided. Señor Romero is to go to Mexico for a short visit, and if not too late on his return the Minister and his wife may take a trip to Europe. The sea voyage is always a great benefit to Señor Romero's health.

Miss Betty De Kermel, of France, who has spent the winter here with her grandmother, Mrs. D. S. Kearny, of Connecticut avenue, will leave the city in June with her grandmother and aunt, Mrs. Randolph Powell. They will go for the warm months to Mrs. Kearny's sea-side villa.

The engagement is announced of Miss Susane Bate, daughter of Senator Bate, of Tennessee, and Mr. William Childs, of San Francisco. Miss Bate is one of the most attractive belles of the Capital, and has been a pronounced favorite in society circles for the past two winters.

Miss Rachel A. Richardson, of 100 Sixth street, East Washington, will be at home informally during the summer season. Miss Richardson was present at the unveiling of the Lee statue, and while in Richmond she was the guest of Mrs. Charles A. Hasker.

Miss Helen Lamont, (Mrs. Nellie McCarter), the prima donna of the popular company now producing "Erminie" so successfully at Alhambra, has taken for the season the rooms at Willard's which she occupied last year, and will be happy at all times to receive her friends.

Miss Carrie Parker, daughter of Maj. Richard Parker, of the Soldiers' Home, has gone to West Point for the commencement exercises and

gayeties. While at West Point Miss Parker will be the guest of Mrs. John M. Wilson, wife of the commandant.

Cards are issued for the marriage of Miss Susie J. Ritter, daughter of A. L. Ritter, chief clerk of the Treasurer's office, and Mr. Henry James, of New York. The marriage will be solemnized at Memorial Christian Church, Monday, at noon.

Mrs. Albert Reed, of No. 6 Iowa Circle, will remain in the city later this year than usual, as her husband, Capt. Reed, of the Navy, has been ordered from Montevideo to this city. He is expected to reach here in July.

Among the Washingtonians who visited Richmond during the week were Justice and Mrs. Lamar, Senator and Mrs. Reagan, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Aldrich, Mrs. Hearst, and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Taylor.

Mrs. Owen, who has been visiting Mrs. Joseph K. Stoddard, of 1537 Montgomery avenue, Philadelphia, has returned to her home here. Several charming entertainments were given in her honor during her Philadelphia visit.

The marriage of Miss Winnie Davis and Mr. Alfred Wilkinson, of Syracuse, N. Y., will probably be celebrated at Beauvoir, the Davis estate in Mississippi. The wedding will take place in June.

Senator and Mrs. Stanford sailed on Wednesday for Europe. They were accompanied by the Senator's private secretary, Mr. H. E. Nash, and Mrs. Stanford's brother, Mr. Lathrop.

The Misses Wheatley, of Georgetown, gave a delightful boating party on Tuesday night. They went down the river as far as Fort Washington, where a handsome collation was served.

Mrs. A. W. Doty and Miss Adelaide Doty are making a visit to New York. They will attend the commencement exercises at Lawrenceville, N. J., where Mrs. Doty's son is a student.

Colonel and Mrs. E. P. Hollister, of Buffalo, N. Y., who spent the week at the Normandie, were entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Kauffmann.

Miss Hall, of San Francisco, was recently married to Hon. Robert Boyle, son of the Earl of Cork. The ceremony took place in St. Mary's Catholic Church, London.

Mrs. Morton and her three younger daughters left their residence in this city on Thursday morning for Elmerle, the Morton estate at Rhinecliff, on the Hudson.

Mrs. Gibson entertained Senator and Mrs. Stewart, Miss Aldrich, and Mrs. Louise Patterson on Sunday last at Ratcliffe Manor, the Gibsons' Maryland estate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hutchinson and the Misses Hutchinson left on Tuesday for their summer home at Seabright, N. J. They will return here in the autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Yznaga, the latter née Wright, have arrived in London, after a gay sojourn in Paris, where the Duchess of Manchester visited them.

The engagement is announced of Rev. Dr. McKim, rector of Epiphany Church, and Mrs. Brooke, of K street. The marriage will take place in the early autumn.

The closing exercises of Norwood Institute will take place June 9. Mr. and Mrs. Cabell have issued handsomely engraved invitations for the event.

Senator Kenna and family are in their new house on Capitol Hill. Mrs. Kenna and children will remain in the city during the session of Congress.

Mrs. Edwin S. Clark has returned from a six weeks' trip to New York and Boston, and will be pleased to see her friends at her home, 437 M street.

Mrs. Cockrell has returned to her home on R street from an interesting visit to North Carolina, where she attended the Mecklenberg celebration.

Mrs. Eugene Semmes Ives and her infant daughter, Annette, are in Georgetown, making a visit to Mrs. Ives's father, Mr. Thomas E. Waggoner.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Jamison, the latter née Willard, gave a very elegant tea last week at their residence, 3912 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

The marriage of Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of ex-Marshal Wilson, and Lieut. George Davis, of the Army, will take place on Tuesday, June 17.

Miss Jeannette Halford is at West Point for commencement week. She is the guest of Colonel and Mrs. John M. Wilson.

Miss Ohl, who spent the winter at the Irvington, is domiciled for the summer in her pretty cottage at Cape May Point.

Invitations are out for the opening of the new boat-house of the Analoastan Club, June 4, from 4 to 10 o'clock.

Mrs. William H. Clagett, who has recently been a great sufferer from neuralgia, is slowly getting better.

The Misses McParlin are preparing to leave the city for West Point, where they will spend several weeks.

Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic University, has returned to the city after an absence of two weeks.

Miss Nannie Ingle has recently been visiting her cousin, Miss Meta Sutton, of Biddle street, Baltimore.

Mrs. Ingalls and family will leave to-morrow for Topeka, Kan., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney, of K street, have gone for the summer to their cottage at Bar Harbor.

Miss Ramsburg, of Frederick, Md., is the guest of Miss Larmon, of Capitol Hill.

Mrs. Townsend and Miss Madeline Townsend are visiting friends in Cincinnati.

Senator Blackburn has taken a cottage at Lake Como, Spring Lake, N. J.

Mrs. and Miss Waite and Miss Katie Beach sailed for Europe on Thursday.

Mrs. Outhwaite will spend the month of July at the Blue Mountain House.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Murray are visiting friends in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Rodman Wanamaker sailed away on the City of New York.

Bishop Hurst sailed for Europe last week by the Germania.

Mrs. Menocal spent the week in New York. For other society chat see seventh page.

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