

ABOUT MAJ. MORRILL.

Characteristic of the Governor Elect.

MRS. MORRILL AND THE FAMILY.

The People of Hiawatha Great Admirers of the Major and His Family.

The Kansas City Star of Sunday morning contains an interesting letter from Hiawatha, written by Ewing Herbert relating to Major Morrill and his family. From it we select the following:

Major Morrill usually comes down town as early as his bank clerks and works harder than any employe. He takes barely an hour for midday dinner and goes home about 5 o'clock to remain, unless there is some meeting held in town that he feels it his duty to attend.

He makes it a rule to answer every telegram and every letter sent him. Since his election he has had to employ a stenographer, but usually he answers all correspondents himself. He writes very fast, in a running hand that is rather difficult to read. His friends have feared that the strain of the campaign might affect his health, which is not of the best, because of troubles that came upon him through hardships and exposure in pioneer and army days, but he really enjoyed the campaign and never felt or looked better in his life.

Major Morrill is a very large man, over six feet tall and weighs more than 200 pounds. He has an honest face and a kind eye. His eyes are brown and before he says a word they look straight at you—not sharply, but steadily. His voice is keyed to prayer and benediction. He never becomes angry. He does not like to distrust any one and he is ready to defend and excuse an enemy. When some one complains that so-and-so is acting badly toward him, Mr. Morrill will probably reply that he can't understand it and there must be some mistake. He very much prefers to build up rather than tear down a friendship.

In his home life Major Morrill is indulgent to his family, but not one of them dresses better than their poorer neighbors, and in the twenty-five years of their residence here, the people have never known them to do an extravagant thing.

Mrs. Morrill is gifted with the best of taste. She is devoted to her family and discharges formal social duties. She is loyal to her husband and appreciates her neighbors, but she is very much opposed to ceremony. She is a Boston woman, who has become thoroughly westernized in the best sense of that word. She has broadened in her views of the possibilities of the country that Daniel Webster pronounced unfit for habitation, and when she goes to see her eastern friends and relatives each summer she has only words of praise for Kansas and Kansas people. Although she is a worker in the Congregational church, she is not a member, but a Unitarian. Major Morrill, too, is a member of the Unitarian society and the children have been reared to that faith, and when they are in any city where there is a Unitarian church they worship there.

The present Mrs. Morrill came to Kansas twenty years ago. The fine home was ready for her then, and stands about as then, with the exception of an addition which was built to give each of the children an individual room. Mrs. Morrill's maiden name was Nash and she is the second wife of Major Morrill. She is the mother of all his children.

The oldest child is Susan, who married C. R. Baker, a son of Congressman Baker of New York. Major Morrill gave them a very beautiful home. Mr. Baker is employed to look after Major Morrill's private business, and occupies a desk in the Morrill bank at this place. Mrs. Baker is devoted to her baby and husband, but finds time to do a great deal for others. She is an active member of the King's Daughters, a society of young women that relieves the misery of the old and helpless. If some poor family is without coal, this society finds it out and coal is provided. If a deserving man can't pay his taxes because of some misfortune, the King's Daughters pay it. They work quietly. They beg no money. They earn every dollar they expend, by giving entertainments, or by doing sewing or some kind of work. They accept no contributions of money from any one.

The youngest daughter, Grace, remains at home with her mother, though it is reported that her engagement to a Kansas City man will soon be announced. She is a most intelligent young woman. Intimate friends of the family think that she is very much like her father. She has no particular aspirations. She composes exceedingly well and is said to have written some clever stories, but she has never offered them to any publisher, being quite content with the praise of the girl friends who have read them. She attended the Liggett academy at Detroit for four years and has continued her studies at home. She is twenty-two years old, and is tall and fair. She has rather athletic inclinations and takes long walks along the country roads each day, indifferent of the weather. She is very fond of society, and when visiting city or seashore friends attends dancing parties with much satisfaction.

The son, Frank, is a business-like young man, who is attending Harvard college. He intends to study law after finishing his college course. He is just 18 years old and his sister Grace is his best chum. When he is at home they study German and ride and walk together. Once, when Frank was a small boy, he was seated by his father in church. The collection basket was passed about and Major Morrill discovered that he had no money in his pocket. He whispered to Frank and asked him if he had any money.

"I have 50 cents," said Frank, cautiously. "Well, let me have it," said his father. "I will if you will promise to pay it back," was the reply.

There is nothing of the snob about this son. He is in every way worthy of his father. He has an allowance of \$1,000 a year and gets through college each year on less than that amount. Young Morrill is shrewd and sensible. He never wastes time picking at a banjo or guitar and he can't sing much. He is a good tennis player and likes baseball and football, though he seldom plays either game. At Harvard he injured his handsome black eyes and has since been forced to wear glasses. While at home he was never known to smoke, but when Major Morrill visited him in his room at Harvard he thought he smelled tobacco smoke and mentioned it to Frank.

"Some of the boys have been here," suggested the youngster. That was enough to arouse Mr. Morrill's suspicions. "Do you smoke, Frank," he asked. "Yes," said Frank, and when he came home to spend his vacation he walked about with an English pipe in his mouth. His father is a constant user of tobacco. He does not always smoke the cigar he keeps in his mouth, but he always has one there, so the boy came honestly by his craving for the weed.

The Morrill children have been carefully raised. They attended the public school here until they were old enough to be sent away to profit by a more advanced course. Frank Morrill is a graduate of the Hiawatha academy. Mrs. Morrill has never allowed her daughters to receive the attentions of the young men of the town, not because the young men were not acceptable company, but because she does not believe in the social forms that permit all sorts of follies. If the young ladies wished to go anywhere they were escorted by their brother, father or mother. The young people of the town have often been invited to dinner or to play cards at the Morrill home, but as a rule no young man ever presumed to show more than polite interest in the daughters. The old Puritan method prevails so much with the Morrills that the marriage of Susan was arranged by the parents of the interested parties. Congressman Baker is an old friend of Major Morrill, and fortunately when brought together by formal introductions his son fell in love with Major Morrill's daughter, and the wisdom of the two families were gratified. It can be inferred, if there is any truth in the report that a Kansas City man is the successful suitor for the remaining daughter, that he must have the Morrill stamp of approval or the ban will certainly be published.

Major Morrill and Mrs. Morrill are great whist players, and the children know every game of cards except poker, and Mr. Frank will probably obtain a pretty fair knowledge of that interesting game while at Harvard, for anything taught at Yale is also included in the Harvard course. There are more decks of cards in the Morrill home than Bibles, but the cards are relaxation and the Bible is study and consolation. Major Morrill's home is one of the most beautiful and valuable in the state of Kansas. He owns several hundred acres and his house and yard join Hiawatha at the southeast corner of the city limits. He lives well, chiefly from the products of his farm. He has fine bearing orchards and small fruit of all kinds, a lake stocked with fish, beautiful trees and shrubbery, rose bushes and flower plants of the rarest kind, and perfume his spacious and well kept grounds. His farm is a model one. It looks like a picture, and is a paying investment. He raises fine horses and fine cattle. Most of the lovely trees that attract people to his beautiful gardens were selected and planted by Major Morrill himself thirty years ago.

There is nothing showy or pretentious in the house. The furniture and carpets are of good style and of the best make and quality, but there is nothing impressive about what the visitor sees, unless it is the suggestion that everything is substantial.

DR. HARDING WRITES.

Some of the Troubles in Equal Suffrage Kansas Explained.

To the Editor of the STATE JOURNAL: There has been so much said about the quarrels of the Equal Suffrage association, and my name has been so freely used that I think it but just that I be permitted a word of explanation.

There are but two factions in our organization—a non-partisan and a partisan or Republican—and to this partisan faction we owe our quarrels and dissensions throughout the state. Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Thurston were each trying to ride two horses. They were running a partisan and non-partisan campaign, and it is to this we attribute the large vocal cast against the amendment; and also the bitter feeling of many suffragists against the Republican party, as we had reason to believe these women were the hirelings of the machine politicians of that party. The following incident will show how our campaign has been conducted.

Mrs. Thurston—actively partisan—presides at a Republican meeting, introduces a speaker whose address is mostly a tirade against the party that gave us a plank and from which we expected our heaviest vote for the amendment. Mrs. Thurston—actively non-partisan—sends Miss Yates to a certain town to make a suffrage speech. The Populists had arranged for a meeting at the same town and had the crowd. Miss Yates had no audience. A committee of women go to the Populist meeting and ask that Miss Yates be invited to make her non-partisan suffrage address to the crowd there assembled. The invitation is extended but Miss Yates is under non-partisan instructions and cannot accept the invitation.

Kansas City, Fort Scott and Leavenworth were so small as compared with Lyndon, Rock Creek and Silver Lake that they were entirely forgotten by our state committee. EVA HARDING. Tomorrow they come Both fat and slim. To join in the ratification; And the Crescent Lunch House Is right in the swim, And can just beat all creation For good things to eat of every kind, From porterhouse steak down to tailors. Do all our own baking— The cooking first class— We have neat and attentive waiters. So come to the Crescent, One-fifteen east Eighth, For breakfast, supper or dinner, Then we'll all join the band And for Kansas we'll stand, For we are into the race for a winner. 115 East Eighth street.

Miss Lizzie Pugh Dugan will not sing tonight. The following telegram will explain itself: KANSAS CITY, Kan., Oct. 12. Rev. J. C. Owens, St. John's A. M. E. Church, 35 Main and 10th Sts., Topeka. Cannot fill engagement. Please cancel date. J. M. CRUSHKOR. Card of Thanks. To A. O. U. W. Lodge No. 244, De Moss & Penwell, Dr. McCaba, and to all friends and neighbors who were so kind to me in so many ways during the illness and death of my devoted husband, I wish to extend my most sincere thanks. MRS. FRANK JONON. Call up Phone 133 and have our wagon call for your bundle. TOPEKA STEAK LAUNDRY.

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We place on sale, Boys' all wool Suits and Overcoats, finely made, all newest designs, too many in stock, former price \$6 to \$8. Challenge Price..... \$5.00



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We place on sale, Youths' all wool suits and Overcoats, former price \$7.50. Challenge Price..... \$5.00

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We place on sale 500 All Wool Knee Pants, double seat and knees, riveted buttons, elastic waist band, former price \$1— CHALLENGE PRICE 50c

MEN'S DERBY HATS.

150 Fine Derby Hats—Black and Brown—that sold at \$3 and \$4. THIS WEEK..... \$1.95



FURNISHINGS-- AT CHALLENGE SALE PRICES.

We place on sale one lot of Fine Underwear, broken lots, that sold regularly at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2—per garment while they last— CHALLENGE PRICE 69c

We place on sale Fine Flannel Shirts, non-shrinkable, former price \$1.50— CHALLENGE PRICE 98c

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