

SOCIETY NEWS AND CHAT.

The past was one of the rarest weeks ever known in the White House. On Tuesday the Army and Navy reception came off, on Wednesday night Mrs. McKee's dancing party, and on Friday the surprise party—to the guests—to hear the London bell-ringers. The dance in the East Room Wednesday evening was the event of the season, now so fast waning. The great room never looked more beautiful. The flags and banners used for the reception the night previous were still in place. The mantels were freshly banked with lilacs and roses. The other rooms of the suite were profusely adorned with foliage plants and flowers, and the delicious music of the Marine Band added to the enchantment of the scene. The ball was opened at 8:30 by Mr. and Mrs. McKee and Miss Anna Wilson and Mr. Haywood. There were twelve dances on the programme. In the dining-room refreshments were served during the whole evening. Mrs. McKee wore a stylish and becoming gown of white gauze, adorned with olive velvet loops and bows; Mrs. Russell Harrison was in olive green tulle; Miss Shepard, the guest of the house, was in white gauze. The guests included Secretary and Mrs. Rusk, Miss Rusk, Mr. Romero, Mr. Theodor, Gen. B. H. Robertson, Dr. M. L. Ruth, Miss Scranton, Miss Stoughton, Miss Studebaker, Maj. W. F. Tucker, Miss Anna Wilson, the Misses Wood, Mrs. and Miss Dahlgren, Miss Everts, Colonel and Mrs. and the Misses Ernst, Mr. Henry S. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Fendall, Miss Fuller, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher, John V. L. Findlay, Miss Gouverneur, Señor and Señora Guzman, Mr. and Mrs. Nixon, Miss Nordhoff, Miss F. Porter, the Misses Preston, Sir Julian Pauncefote, Miss Pauncefote, Miss Quay, Rev. and Mrs. Roswell R. Hoes, Mr. S. S. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Huston, Mr. and Mrs. J. Halford, Mr. and Mrs. Huldekooper, Assistant Paymaster Heap, Mr. E. W. Halford, Mr. and Miss Ingalls, Miss Jones, Assistant Surgeon Gatewood, Ensign Garrett, Miss Harlan, Commander and Mrs. Hoff, Senator and Mrs. Hale, Miss Halford, the Misses Herbert, Mr. Butterworth, Jr., Lieutenants and Mrs. Brown, Captain and Mrs. Bourke, Miss Batcheller, Miss Brewer, Mr. Jesup Blair, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Britton, General and Mrs. Clarkson, Lieut. Clover and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Robert S. Chilton, jr., Lieut. Caperton, Miss Dawes, Miss Dalzell, Miss Deering, Miss Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph K. McCannou, Attorney General and Mrs. Miller and Miss Miller, Vice President and Mrs. Morton, Mr. Mario Mendonza, Secretary and Mrs. Noble, Miss Aldrich, Miss Butterworth, Lieut. T. Porter, of the Navy; Miss Heap, Mr. Theodor Porter, Miss Lewis, of Indiana; Ensign Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Kelm, Mr. Legaire, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, Lieutenant and Mrs. Logan, Mr. Woodbury Lowery and Miss Lowery, Dr. and Mrs. Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Warden, Mr. and Mrs. Arkell, Lieutenant and Mrs. Andrews, Senator and Mrs. Arthur Count Arco Valley, Senator Bosch, and Miss Alexander. On Friday afternoon the entertainment was contributed by the bell-ringers giving an exhibition of their skill in the East Room. The following was the programme, most sweetly and charmingly rendered: "Home, Sweet Home," and "The College Hornpipe;" march, "Turkish Patrol," Michaelis; galop, "Tou la Jolie," Fahrback; imitations of the bells and chimes of an English village; polka, "The Westminster Chimes," D. S. Miller, with "Big Ben" and the clock of the House of Parliament; song, "The Lost Chord," Sullivan; gavotte, "Toque Bleue," Berridge; valse leid, "Little Fisher Maiden," Waldman. The guests on this occasion were Mrs. Morton, the Misses Morton, Mrs. Rusk, Miss Rusk, Miss Jacobs, Secretary Rusk, Mr. and Mrs. Halford, Miss Halford, Mrs. John Hay, Miss Nimmo, Mrs. Wright, Miss Seimore, Mrs. Gen. Williams, the Misses Upson, Miss Withrow, of Chicago; Maj. Parker, Miss Dahlgren, Mrs. Washington McLean, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Frank Palmer, Miss Hatch, Miss Windom, Miss Kingman, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Norris, Miss Norris, Miss Halstead, Miss Wanamaker, and Miss Pettit.

The Army and Navy reception at the White House on Tuesday evening presented the usual brilliant spectacle. Although the decorations in the East Room were less elaborate than customary, they were very unique. The mantels were banked with green foliage, in which were stars in pale-yellow flowers and anchors in white carnations. Flags and banners were artistically draped over the mirrors. The Blue Parlor was tastefully adorned with cut flowers. The conservatories, with their wealth of bloom and fragrance, were thrown open, and many of the guests walked through them, enjoying the cooler air and delicious odors of the green aisles, overshadowed by ferns and palms. At 9 o'clock the Marine Band announced the coming of the President and party. Mrs. Harrison was on the President's arm. She wore a superb white satin gown, trimmed with ostrich tips. She carried a bouquet of white lilacs in her left hand and a fan in her right. Vice President and Mrs. Morton came next. Mrs. Morton wore a Parisian gown of pale mauve silk. The Attorney General and Mrs. Miller followed. Mrs. Miller wore a pearl-gray gown of broad silk. Then came Secretary and Mrs. Noble, Secretary and Mrs. Rusk, Postmaster General and Mrs. and Miss Wanamaker, Secretary Windom and Miss Kingman, of New York, who is the guest of his house, and Secretary and Miss Proctor. Mrs. Noble wore a Felix gown of white satin, brocaded in roses. Mrs. Rusk was in a handsome dress of cream satin damasé, with panels of canary-colored silk. Mrs. Noble and Miss Proctor remained in line but a few moments. They retired behind the barricade of sofas, where the Cabinet officers seemed to hold a little court of their own. Here also were Mrs. McKee, in a becoming gown of black net and diamond ornaments; Mrs. Russell Harrison, in cream satin and white net; Miss Wanamaker, in white satin; Miss Halstead, in black velvet and pink silk; Miss Leonora Halstead, in a lovely Greek costume of white; Miss Hutchins, in white satin bodice and mouseline de soie skirt; Mrs. Huston, in black velvet; Miss Grace Davis, in pink silk; Miss Brickner, in blue faille; Mrs. Brickner, in apple-green brocade; Miss Ida Hughs, in white silk; Mrs. Cookrell, in blue silk; Madam Guzman, in black lace; Miss Rusk, in pink silk; Mrs. Senator Squires, in black and white striped brocade; Secretary and Mrs. Halford, Colonel and Mrs. Willett, and Commissioner McDonald. Among the Army officers present were Gen. Beckwith, Gen. Saxe, Gen. Saxe, Gen. Saxe, Gen. Saxe, Gen. Saxe, Gen. Saxe, all of whom were accompanied by ladies in rich toilets. Among others present were Col. Haywood, of the Marine Corps, and Mrs. Haywood; Capt. Taylor, Commissioner Douglas, Senator and Mrs. Morrill, Colonel and Mrs. Rutherford and Miss Rutherford, Mr. Rich Whittingham, Mr. Herbert Whittingham, of Baltimore; Gen. Ordway, and Commissioner and Mrs. Hinds. Mrs. Hinds wore a handsome gown of gray faille; Mrs. Mertz, pink silk; Miss Otis, black lace; Mrs. Wilson, heliotrope, ermine; Mrs. Kauffmann, white silk; Mrs. Zegarra, ermine;



MRS. ELVIRA GLAZEBROOK SPINOLA.

The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Elvira Glazebrook Spinola, wife of Gen. Francis B. Spinola, of New York, is one of the most prominent and popular ladies in the Congressional circle. She was born in Western New York, and is a direct descendant of the old English family of "Glazebrook Hall," England. Mrs. Spinola's father was owner of extensive farming lands in New York State. Miss Glazebrook met Gen. Spinola in New York, where he was engaged in business, but, like many other New Yorkers, not without political aspirations. Mrs. Spinola has always felt a sympathetic interest in her husband's political rise in the world, and has contributed by her amiability and adaptability very greatly toward that end, he having risen from city alderman through the State Legislature to his present honorable position. Gen. Spinola is possessed of abundant means, and is the owner of the largest single estate on Long Island, where he has an elegant country seat, almost rivaling a baronial mansion in its ornate buildings and highly cultivated grounds. During the summer General and Mrs. Spinola occupy this residence and dispense a far-reaching and lavish hospitality, and always has a bevy of bright young girls with her as guests. The residence commands a fine view of the surrounding country with the lovely expanse of water in front of it. The drive on the beach alone extends over three miles, all within the bounds of the estate, which comprises some eight hundred acres. General and Mrs. Spinola have resided in Washington for several winters past, he having entered the Fifty-first Congress as a Democrat, and being re-elected to the Fifty-first. When at the Capital General and Mrs. Spinola occupy an elegant suite of apartments at the Arlington. They prefer this mode of life to the cares of housekeeping, and select the Arlington on account of a lifelong acquaintance with and friendship for the Roesses. Mrs. Spinola, having no children, comes and goes as she pleases. She has been abroad some half dozen times, traveling extensively in Spain and Italy, and as far North as Sweden and Norway. She tells many interesting episodes in connection with her varied experiences, some of which border upon adventure. In person Mrs. Spinola is a fine-looking woman, who carries herself with great dignity of manner. She is fond of rich fabrics and jewels, and wears them as easily and unostentatiously as other people wear plainer things. She is very kind-hearted, and in no case of deserving charity is help ever withheld. She is only moderately fond of general society, but fulfills all its social demands scrupulously, as she is too wise a woman to undervalue the uses of conventionalities. General and Mrs. Spinola are regular attendants at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, and have the pew formerly occupied by Gen. Grant. The elegant at home given by the General and Mrs. Spinola this week in the new dining apartments of the Arlington is a very fair specimen of the way in which they discharge their numerous social obligations.

son velvet; Miss Ingalls, pink silk; Mrs. Senator Payne, black lace; Mrs. Leighton, black and white brocade, with corsage bouquet of California callas; Mrs. Representative Townsend, lavender ermine; Mrs. Spinola, white pany brocade silk; Miss Grace Fuller, white silk; Miss Mildred Fuller, buttercup satin; Mrs. Burrows, white silk; Mrs. Culverston, black velvet; Miss Culverston, heliotrope and pink silk and tulle. The Chinese and Korean Legations gave a touch of foreign picturesqueness to the scene. Quite a number of ladies appeared with their bonnets on in carriage costume, doubtless tourists unwilling to let the opportunity pass of seeing a State reception. Mrs. Morton held her closing reception on Wednesday and welcomed the usual large number of callers. Mrs. and Miss Rusk also received a great many callers. Mrs. and Miss Wanamaker observed Wednesday, and the visiting contingent, appreciating the fact that the season is truly on the wane, called in full force. Mrs. Noble, assisted by the Misses Halstead, made the house on K street a very charming spot Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Windom was absent in New York, and Mrs. Miller has discontinued her receptions. On Friday night a very interesting memorial entertainment was given by the Young Ladies' League, of the First Baptist Church, in the basement and lecture-room of that handsome edifice. It consisted of a memorial tea, and a literary and musical programme was rendered. Tea was dispensed in white china cups, bearing the inscription in gilt lettering, "March 7, 1892—April, 1890," thus recording the venerable age of the church organization. The cups were for sale as souvenirs of the occasion, and found ready purchasers. The first part of the evening was devoted to the programme, the Orchestral Club furnishing fine music on stringed instruments and horns. Miss Bertha Lincoln and Mrs. Rheem were the vocalists of the evening. Encores were taboed from the start, a good innovation. The choir was under the efficient leadership of Professor Foster. Mr. J. G. Traller gave a fine tenor solo. The Rev. Edward Young gave a very fine rendering of the chorale "Ben Hur." The ladies who rendered most efficient service in getting up this entertainment were Mrs. Starkey, Mrs. Samson, Miss Mason, Miss Wharton, Miss Anderson, Miss Thornton, Miss McMurray, Miss Adams, the Misses Yeatman, Mrs. Bottomly, Miss Fisher, Miss Fowler, Miss White, Mrs. Foster, Miss Collins and Miss Clayton. Among those present were Dr. Stakely, the pastor; Mrs. Stakely, Dr. and Mrs. Samson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hanford, Mrs. Maj. Dors, Mrs. Henry Clay Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr.

pray the Lord my soul to take." There are only even numbers left.

The marriage of Miss May Bell Goodson, of this city, and Mr. James Richard Newcomb, of Brooklyn, N. Y., took place on Wednesday morning, at the residence of the Misses Billing, No. 611 K street. Rev. S. K. Cox, an uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. J. W. Boteler, performed the marriage ceremony. The bride wore a traveling costume of écri Henrietta, complemented with velvet of a rich brown shade, with hat and gloves to match. She carried a bunch of bride roses. Her maid of honor, Miss Mattie Jarvis, wore pink silk and mouseline de soie. She carried a basket of La France roses. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb left for Brooklyn, which will be their home. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary W. Goodson, of this city.

The marriage of Miss Josephine Dietz and Mr. J. B. Lincoln was solemnized on Tuesday evening at the parsonage of the German Evangelical Church, Rev. Mr. Strodach, of Brooklyn, officiating. The bride wore a prettily gowned of white silk, richly trimmed with lace. In her hair were clusters of orange blossoms. Miss Rosa Goebel was bridesmaid, and Mr. Michael Dietz groomsmen. A very handsome wedding supper was given by Mr. William Dietz, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln left on a night train for a Northern trip. On their return they will reside on New Jersey avenue.

Mrs. Senator Cockrell gave a very pretty tea on Wednesday afternoon, in honor of two St. Louis belles who are visiting in this city, Miss Briggs and Miss Dameron. The rooms were prettily decorated with "flowers that bloom in the spring," and a handsome collation was served in the dining-room. Mrs. Cockrell was assisted in receiving by the two guests of honor, Miss Dahlgren, Miss Harlan, Miss Walthall, and Miss Bessie Ernst.

Mr. Von Mumm will be greatly missed in gay society circles during his absence in Europe. Mr. Van Swinderen, the Minister from Holland, will also be greatly missed by his immediate circle of friends. He leaves shortly for Rome, where he will represent his country. Mr. Arthur Herbert, of the British Legation, is also one of the transferred. His future post of duty is Brussels, for which delightful city he will soon start.

The military hop given on Wednesday evening by the Carcoran Cadets, at the National Rifles' Armory, was a most enjoyable affair, and was attended by a large and brilliant company. Professor Sousa's "Carcoran Cadets' March" was performed for the first time.

The former Danish Minister to Washington, M. de Hegermann Lindencrone, and his wife (née Greenough) are visiting friends in Boston, Madame Hegermann's native city. After a stay of some weeks they will leave for Rome, the Minister's present station.

Among the recently-given musicales was a very delightful one at the residence of Mr. A. W. Conlee, on Spence street, Le Droit Park. Messrs. Mills, Wilkins, and Perley rendered an entertaining programme. The musicale was succeeded by a dance.

Mrs. and Miss Brewer, the new acquisitions to the Court circle, held a crowded reception in the Louis XIV drawing-room of the Arno on Monday. Mrs. Brewer wore a gown of black velvet and Miss Brewer was in a becoming toilet of dark brown.

Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Halliday, Mrs. H. G. White, Madame Guzman, Mrs. Hearst, and Mrs. Henderson have taken boxes at Lincoln Music Hall for the concert to-morrow night.

Mrs. Burnett's return to her residence in this city was occasioned by the illness of her eldest son, Lionel. He is improving, and as soon as strong enough will cross with his mother to the "other side of the pond."

Mrs. Elliott, her daughter, and grand-daughter, all of Portsmouth, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, of 495 Maryland avenue, where they will be glad to see their friends.

Mrs. Justice Lamar has returned from Georgia to her residence in this city. For the present she is in mourning retirement, owing to the death of a near relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowery and Miss Lowery entertained their large circle of friends at an elegant ball on Tuesday night at their residence on MacPherson Square.

A very charming musicale was given last week in New York, in honor of Mrs. N. S. Lincoln, by Mrs. Eastman Johnson, of 65 West Fifty-fifth street.

The engagement of Miss Rutherford, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. R. J. Rutherford, and Mr. Rich Whittingham, of Baltimore, is announced.

Luncheons were given during the past week by Mrs. Fitzhugh Coyle in honor of Mrs. Thurber; by Mrs. Strong in honor of Mrs. Noble.

The marriage of Dr. S. S. Adams and Miss Lida W. Hollister will take place on Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. Mary A. Hollister.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Plant, of New York, spent the week here as the guests of Hon. and Mrs. Roswell P. Flower, of 1735 I street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Tucker and Miss Tuckerman are at home informally on Thursdays, between 4 and 6, at 1600 I street.

Pay Inspector and Mrs. Carpenter were at the reception at the President's on the 23d, and met many friends.

Miss Minnie Sartorius, of Norfolk, is the guest of Miss Emile Nattans, of Second and D streets northwest.

Miss Bertha J. Grinnell is the guest of Mrs. Representative Osborne, of Pennsylvania, at 941 K street.

The Misses Ott, of Woodstock, Va., are the guests of the family of Mr. J. H. Heizer, 1905 Ninth street.

Miss Bessie DuHamel left Washington on Thursday for a visit of several weeks to friends in Canada.

Miss Bode, of Brooklyn, is visiting Miss Mina Hemstreet, of Wyoming avenue, Washington Heights.

Dr. Johnson, of Muscatine, Iowa, is the guest of his brother, Mr. S. E. Johnson, of 1514 Q street.

Mrs. John Nicholas Norton gave a handsome 5-o'clock tea on Friday at her residence, 1723 H street.

Miss Gussie Millen assisted at Mrs. Senator Squire's Thursday reception at the Arlington.

Miss Bertie Malcolm, of Nassau, W. I., is the guest of Mrs. A. L. Barber, of Belmont.

Mrs. Berglin, wife of Lieut. Berglin, of the Navy, came over from Annapolis on Wednesday night, to attend Mrs. McKee's assembly

ball, as she is a cousin of that lady, and is still a guest of the White House.

Mrs. Russell Harrison expects soon to return to her home in Montana. She leaves Washington on Tuesday, in company with her father.

Miss Stevens and Miss Lily Dickerson, of Hartford, Conn., are visiting Mrs. Simonson at No. 223 Indiana avenue.

Miss Bessie Shoupt and the Misses Davis have gone to Staunton, Va., where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Elliott, wife of Lieut. Elliott, of the Navy, is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Soule, 1432 M street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lutz have gone to Ashville, N. C., for a sojourn of several weeks.

Mrs. Field had a number of callers Monday. Mrs. Miller was also charmingly at home.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have returned from Atlantic City to their home on K street.

Mrs. F. A. Kendall, of Cleveland, is the guest of her brother, Mr. E. S. Hutchinson.

Mrs. James Coates, of Chicago, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Admiral Crosby.

Mrs. and Miss Dalzell have left the city for a visit of several weeks to Pittsburg.

Gen. John C. Frémont is a guest of his son, Lieut. Frémont, of 1764 K street.

Mrs. Thomas Francis Meagher, of New York, spent the week at the Arlington.

The Misses Paddock, of Boston, are visiting Mrs. Deering, of 1908 Q street.

Mrs. Thomas C. Power, wife of Senator Power, of Montana, is at the Arno.

Miss Fisher, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. L. G. Hine.

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