

SOCIETY NEWS AND CHAT.



One of the prettiest events of the season was Miss Isabel I. Elliott's May ball, given at Willard Hall last Monday evening. The company was large and the faces of many well-known citizens and their wives were recognized among the spectators. The children were in their happiest mood and the varied character of their fancy costumes produced a brilliant effect. The floral decorations were profuse and tasteful. The fancy dances were without a fault and the ease and grace with which the difficult movements were executed bespoke the directing hand of a most efficient instructor. The Queen was Miss Emma V. Norris, daughter of James L. Norris, Esq., a most charming blonde. Her dress was of white rhadame, en traine, draped in front with mousseline de soie, and garlanded with lilies of the valley. Her ornaments were a necklace of diamonds. The maids of honor were Miss Nannie G. Hume, daughter of Mr. Frank Hume, whose dress was of white satin covered with illusion, with garlands of pink arbutus and with pearls around her neck, and Miss Isabelle Gregory, daughter of Mr. D. S. Gregory, who wore a dress of white silk and mull with blue forget-me-nots, and a necklace of gold. The rope dance by Miss Katie Toumeau elicited much applause. The Queen's quadrille, participated in by Misses Norris, Hume, Gregory, and Roberts, was perfectly rendered. The minuet and court quadrille, participated in by Misses Evelyn Sickles, May Libbey, Tuna Saunders, and Genevieve Holtzman, and Masters James Norris, Harry Bently, Carroll Diamond, and Paul Lambert, received praise for its perfect execution. Other dances that received much applause for the grace of movement and beauty of their participants and richness of costume were the Highland Fling, by Misses Genevieve Simms and Burtie Bentley, and the skirt dance, by Misses Worthington, Barbour, and Elliott, also the La Cachuca, by Miss Marie Plant, (by invitation) and the Gypsy-Kermel, led by Misses Beale, Johnston, Tricon, and Wilkinson. After the exhibition dances the floor was given up to the invited guests, and at a late hour the company dispersed with expressions of much pleasure at the evening's enjoyment.

Mrs. Clara Benick Colby, the talented editor of the *Woman's Tribune*, left for Beatrice, Neb., on Friday. The *Woman's Tribune* is one of the best of the women's papers, and though peripatetic, spending its summers in the West and its winters in Washington, that mode of life seems to agree with it as well as its talented editor and business manager.

The marriage of Miss Lillie A. Price, daughter of Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Price, and Mr. Oscar Townner, will take place Wednesday morning, at 11 o'clock, in Ryland Methodist Episcopal Church. After June 1 the newly married couple will be at home to their friends on Tuesdays at 1831 Linden street, Le Droit Park.

The Short Story Club met at Mrs. G. Crandell's, 610 H street, on Wednesday evening. The programme, as usual, was an attractive literary and musical one, and the story by Mr. W. A. Croffut as interesting as that gentleman is in the habit of spinning, interspersed with wit, wisdom, and rhyme.

Mrs. Francis Miller and Mrs. James B. Sheekels, with her little daughter Regina, have gone to Old Point Comfort, Va., for a few weeks, where they hope to get entirely well, having been sick for quite a little while with the grip.

Colonel and Mrs. John Cowgill have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Evelyn Ernestine Cowgill, to Capt. Harley E. Robertson, Tuesday morning, May 12, at 11 o'clock, at 919 Florida avenue.

The Deutsche Lesekreis will hold its last meeting for the season on Monday evening, 18th instant, at the residence of its president, Mrs. Dr. C. A. von Hartleben, No. 1014 Fourteenth street.

At a dinner given last week in New York by Mrs. William H. Whitney in honor of a newly engaged couple the floral decorations consisted entirely of large white roses and magnolias.

Miss Marie Bainbridge, of the Arsenal, and the Misses Wheatley, of Georgetown, are back from Covington, Ky., where they have enjoyed a delightful visit to Miss Bettie Prague.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. McConihe have returned to the city and are residing at 2132 L street, where they will be at home to their friends Tuesdays in May.

Mrs. L. E. Colston and son, of Capitol Hill, are now located at the Fredonia, where they will be glad to see their friends.

Representative and Mrs. John F. Andrew have closed their house on Sixteenth street and are now at their home in Boston.

Miss Altman will go to Massachusetts to spend the month June, and from there take a trip to Canada.

The Japanese Minister and Madame Tateno, will give a large dinner party on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Charles Carroll Stein, of Pueblo, Col., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Trimble.

Mrs. and Miss Condit-Smith will go abroad the latter part of May to remain all summer.

Mrs. Wilmerding and her daughter, Miss Alice, sailed for Europe Tuesday.

Mrs. Max Weyl is at home to her friends in her new house, 1810 B street.

Miss Beulah Parson has as her guest Miss Fenno, of Newtonville, Mass.

Miss Kate Dent, of Pennsylvania, is the guest of Mrs. Hollingsworth.

Mrs. Allen, mother of Madame Romero, has returned to New York.

Miss Greer is visiting Miss Marchand at Annapolis.

Congenial society and attractive surroundings at Derwood Park. William F. Thomas, Twelfth and G streets.

The most charming society event of the week was the *foite champêtre* given Tuesday by Mrs. Wilcox at the Soldiers' Home. But for the unexpected visit of Jack Frost the large company would have passed the hours on the beautiful lawn surrounding Gen. Wilcox's house, where settees were put and rugs spread for the benefit of those who wished to enjoy the open air. The majority of the guests, however, sought the brightness and shelter of the pretty house, where Mrs. Wilcox, in white crêpe, was assisted in receiving and entertaining the company by Madame Guzman, in black lace, embroidered in gold, and Miss Carrie Parker, in a pretty white toilet. A delightful collation was served in the dining-room. Among the large number present were Mrs. J. Thompson, Commodore Greer, Mrs. Queen, Mrs. Field, Mrs. and Miss Condit-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hoge, Mrs. N. S. Lincoln, Mrs. J. F. Carpenter, Madame Romero, Mrs. Menocal, Minister, and Madame Suarez, Ministers Rowland and Struve, Mrs. Andrews, the Misses Mendonça, Mrs. J. Lowrie Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Langhorne, Major and Mrs. Tucker, and Miss Pullman.

Dr. John J. Stafford and Miss Sarah L. Meigs were married on Tuesday morning in the chapel of Georgetown College, Rev. Father Stafford, brother of the groom, officiating. A number of friends witnessed the ceremony, among whom were Senator and Mrs. Kenna, Rev. Fathers Smith and Donohue, of St. Joseph's Church; many members of the medical faculty of Georgetown University, and nearly all the professors. The bride received many presents of value. Dr. and Mrs. Stafford left on the 10:30 train for the West, where they will make a tour of the great lakes, returning here the latter part of the month.

The marriage of Miss Laura E. Turner, of Washington, and Mr. S. E. Eichelberger, of Baltimore, was celebrated on Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. F. T. Eichelberger in this city. The bride wore white silk and diamond ornaments. A large wedding bell, formed of white flowers, was suspended from the central chandelier of the drawing-room, and under it the bridal pair stood during the ceremony. Rev. Father Dolan, S. J., of St. Aloysius, officiated, assisted by Rev. Father Noel, S. J. A handsome wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Eichelberger sailed for Europe yesterday to be absent all summer.

A number of Columbia Athletic Club men gave an informal dance at the boat-house on Thursday that was greatly enjoyed by the participants. Some of those present were Messrs. McKimsey, Maxwell, Bates, Dubamel, Berry, Edmonston, Campbell, Winters, Spalding, and Fairchild, Dr. Wirt, Miss Dexter, Miss Schneider, Miss Duhamel, Miss McCullough, Miss Siddham, Miss Hellen, Miss Morris, Miss Riley, Miss Ringgold, the Misses Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Howser.

In the death of Mr. Jerome C. Burnett on last Sunday the literary circles of Washington lost one of its brightest men. Mr. Burnett was not only a correspondent of several leading journals of the West, but he also wrote poetry that found a place in many of the magazines and literary journals. At one time he was president of the Travel Club, and read many bright papers before that and other local societies. As a companion and friend he was most genial and true.

The members of Hamline M. E. Church enjoyed a delightful reception Wednesday evening at the Fredonia, given by their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Albert S. Todd, and Mrs. Todd. The reception-rooms were prettily trimmed with vines and wild flowers. During the evening some choice music was rendered.

Capt. W. H. Merrill, of the Army, (retired), and Mrs. Merrill have left the city for Louisville, Ky., where they will spend the month of May. Captain and Mrs. Merrill find no place so delightful as Washington to sojourn in during the winter months.

Mrs. Remy, wife of Capt. Remy, of the Navy, will soon leave Washington with her young family for her summer home in Northern New York.

The engagement has been announced of Mrs. Russell Hancock, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Gen. Hancock, to Capt. William A. Rafferty, Sixth Cavalry.

Mrs. Admiral Steadman, of this city, is sojourning at present with her daughter, Mrs. E. Rollins Morse, of Commonwealth avenue, Boston.

Mrs. Gardner Hubbard, who is established at her county seat on Woodley Lane, has issued cards for Wednesdays and Fridays, from 4 to 7.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McConihe have arrived in the city and will be at home to their friends on Tuesdays throughout May at 2132 L street.

Mrs. Isaac Henderson and her daughter, Mrs. Carbaugh, will sail for Europe on the 27th instant to remain until autumn.

Mrs. John Dahlgren, who has been quite ill of the grip, at her residence on Sixteenth street, is now rapidly recovering.

Mrs. Dudley Page, of Frederick, Md., who has been visiting friends in West Washington, returned home yesterday.

The Misses Samstag, of 620 Sixth street, have with them as a guest Miss Lillie Siegel, of New York.

Mrs. and the Misses Wanamaker will sail for Europe on the 10th instant.

Mrs. Hallet Kilbourne has returned from Europe and is at the Portland.

Mrs. Harry Bowers, of Spokane Falls, Wash., is visiting friends in this city.

Gen. George Thorn is at Fortress Monroe for the month of May.

Remember the Boys! Short pants suits we advertise from \$2 up. Eisenman Bros., 7th and E.

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THE PAWNBROKER'S LAW.

Detective Block Can't Understand Why the Dealers Object to It.

The junk dealers, as they are called in the last act of Congress, or the second-hand dealers, as they style themselves, have been in a stew ever since the last act of Congress in relation to them has been put in force. They have formed an organization, which, in point of money and obstinacy to enforce what they claim to be their rights in the courts, should be quite formidable. These dealers have contended that they were subjected to unjust and restrictive regulations which virtually eat up all the profits of their business, honest or not.

A HERALD reporter called on Detective Block, who has engineered this matter from the beginning, as he was especially detailed some years ago for this particular service. As a consequence he has been charged with other officers connected with Police Headquarters with being animated by a persecuting spirit toward these second-hand dealers. Detective Block said: "That is all foolishness. You know very well that I could not maintain my position for an instant if I used it to subvert my revenues or satisfy my personal animosity. For years past, until by act of Congress we assumed control of these pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers, the thieves had a picnic. They could sell their booty without our knowing anything about it, and even if the dealers were honest in their purchase of the goods it was a physical impossibility to go the rounds of all the pawnshops and junk-shops to examine the goods that had been presented for sale or pawn. There are now six pawnshops in this city, and they are required to furnish their reports at 11 o'clock each day. I believe that they realize that it is really better for them that these regulations should go in force. They are protected and the public is protected and the police have the power of protection. I have received lately, since this fight began, assurances that the pawnbrokers consider the law a protection to them as well as to the general public from sneak thieves and others of the criminal classes."

"Suppose you recover from a pawnbroker's shop property of any value. Must the owner pay the advance?"

"No, I think not. The pawnbrokers must be put under the law of caveat emptor. They are now more careful and cautious, that is all, and, as I have said, they are under the absolute supervision and control of this department. A thief won't steal goods that he can't sell off for sale here when he knows he is almost certain to be caught."

Detective Block having stated that the majority of the pawnbrokers and junk dealers agreed with the law, the reporter asked him why there was so much kicking.

He replied: "That's what I don't understand."

CAPTURED MURDERER KUHNI.

Ex-Sheriff Estes, of Wisconsin, a Visitor in the City.

Ex-Sheriff John M. Estes, of Dane County, Wis., has been visiting friends in Washington the past week. He was here before in the latter part of 1888, to receive his commission from President Cleveland in connection with one of the most famous cases in the criminal annals of the State, and which attracted much attention in all parts of the country a couple of years ago. The case was that of John Kuhni, a Swiss cheesemaker, who beat to death another cheesemaker named William Christen in the town of Primrose, Dane County, Wis., in the latter part of the year 1888. Christen was the best and almost the only friend Kuhni had in the world, and the sole motive of the crime was robbery. Kuhni was a disolute fellow and wished to return to his old haunts in Switzerland, but had no money. His friend was frugal and sober, and had saved a few dollars. Kuhni had just recovered from an accident in which his right wrist had been broken. Christen nursed and took care of him while disabled, and as soon as Kuhni recovered the use of his wrist he beat his friend's brains out with a club one night. Then he cut the body up and attempted to burn the fragments. Failing in this he threw the remains into the river near the town and fled. Ten days afterward the crime was discovered, and Sheriff Estes started in pursuit of the murderer. He traced him to Philadelphia, and there found that Kuhni had shipped by the Lord Gough for Liverpool. He at once called on the British authorities and Kuhni was arrested on arrival at Queenstown. Sheriff Estes then came to Washington and received from President Cleveland the necessary extradition papers to bring the murderer back. Crossing to the other side, Sheriff Estes found his man safe in the custody of the Scotland Yard detectives. Mr. Estes is loud in his praise of the manner in which the Scotland Yard people treated him, and was filled with admiration at the wonderful efficiency of the British police and detective department. He brought his prisoner safely back to this country, being handcuffed to him most of the time. Kuhni confessed after he had been in jail in Wisconsin for a while, and was given the highest penalty possible under the laws of the State—life imprisonment. He is now serving his sentence in the penitentiary at Wausau.

The Summer Girl's Outfit.

Here is the summer girl's outfit. Her shirt has a chin-scraping collar, wide cuffs, and the bosom plaited, tucked, corded, or fluted to suit her fancy. Her spats are made of the same material as the skirt, and her cutaway is silk-lined, with tall and breast pockets. Four-in-hand scarf, fob chain, dog-head pin, russet gloves, eyeglass, and a pipe-stem parasol complete the outfit. The skirts may be made of selected silk, muslin, marseilles, or percale, and the coat and skirt of flannellette, wool taffeta, or melton.

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OBSTRUCTING STREET-CARS.

Chief Parris's Remarks on the Subject of Fires Near Street-Car Lines.

Most people don't understand how it is that street-cars are still permitted to be blockaded by the hose of the Fire Department when a fire occurs on or near a line of cars. When passengers who are in a hurry are compelled to get out and walk to their destination after having paid their fares there is grumbling, and the question is naturally asked: "Where are those street-car railway bridges by which hose can be carried above the cars?"

When asked this question, Chief Parris said, in substance: "What has this department to do with bridges for hose? We find our business in putting out fires as soon as possible and in using the best means to do so. If it were our business to provide hose-jumpers for street-cars Congress ought to have made an appropriation for the purpose. But no such appropriation has been made. Another thing, I think it the duty of the street-car companies to provide these bridges. You say you have seen street-cars blocked for an hour at a time where fires occurred within the past two weeks. Just so. But isn't it better to cause some inconvenience to passengers than to have a whole square of buildings burned? That's the way we firemen look at it. But the fact is that on the Washington and Georgetown street-car lines they have these bridges you speak of and they have them stored at the Seventh-street junction and at the Seventh-street wharf, ready to be loaded on a car to be carried rapidly to the point where there is a prospective blockade on account of a fire. The same thing is true of President Pierson's F-street lines. At the time of the fire at Mr. Blaine's house on New Year's it was scarcely ten minutes after the engines got to work before passenger traffic was unimpeded by the aid of these bridges."

"What kind of bridges are they?"

"Those in use here are the invention of Thomas Donoho, of this District. They are simple but effective. Two light tripods are placed on either side of the tracks, the hose is run over them, and the cars, cable or otherwise, pass under the hose while it is playing on the fire without any obstruction to travel. The O-street line, the Columbia line, the Eckington line, and so on ought to provide these bridges."

NOTES FROM ALEXANDRIA.

Activity in Real Estate—More New Enterprises.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE SUNDAY HERALD. ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 9.—Probably no spring has ever found the real estate market in this city with such bright prospects. The transfers in the last week have been more numerous than ever. The city is looking forward with much interest to the improving of the property of the Northwest Alexandria Improvement Company. The proximity of Alexandria will not only aid this land by supplying water, gas, electric lights, markets, stores, churches, schools, etc., but will aid that city by increasing its trade and removing oldfogy ideas through progressive examples.

Mr. H. F. Wheat has bought three handsome lots at the intersection of Mount Vernon avenue, Washington avenue, and West Braddock streets, where he proposes to build a handsome residence. Mr. Wheat has also sold a handsome lot on Orchard street to Mr. S. F. Barnes, of Washington, for \$500, and a lot on Mount Vernon avenue to Mr. Hester, of Alexandria, also for \$500. Mr. Hester will erect a residence to cost not less than \$2,000.

A gentleman from Ohio, owner of a large furniture factory in Zanesville, Ohio, representing \$165,000, is negotiating for the Pioneer Mills, and proposes to move his plant here and increase the same by \$100,000, the country around furnishing excellent timber for his business.

Mr. Murdaugh, of Fredericksburg, has procured a ware-house from Mr. Brookes, and will open therein a pickle factory.

A short time ago the wharves of this city were covered with cords of poplar wood, which were brought to this city by the Virginia Midland Railroad, loaded on barges, and shipped North to be manufactured into paper.

Mr. C. S. Pardoe, of the Washington Electrical Construction Company, is putting in an Edison electric light plant at River View for the purpose of lighting the grounds and buildings.

There will be an election held in the county on the 28th for county and township officers. The trustees of Washington School District, of the county, are receiving bids for the erection of a handsome graded school-house.

A musical and literary entertainment will be given in the Presbyterian Church at Ballston on Sunday evening, the 19th, to raise funds to improve the church edifice and grounds.

A New Servants' Registry Office.

Mr. James Wilson wishes to announce that he will, in response to the requests of many well-known ladies and gentlemen of Washington, open a first-class servants' registry office in this city in October next. Mr. Wilson has had long experience in New York and in Washington, and he believes he will through his registry office be able to make it much more easy than heretofore for families to secure well-trained and reliable servants.

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