

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Chats About the Kay-Meade Engagement. She Tells of a Trip in a Washub Indulged in by a Fair Philadelphian

THE engagement of Florence Meade to a Boston man, James Murray Kay, is interesting, isn't it? Florence is very popular here and will be very much missed if she goes to Boston to live, but then think of the affairs that can be given in her honor when she visits here. Her parents have been dead a number of years and she has been living for the past three winters with her aunt, Mrs. Henrietta Meade, and this summer has been visiting her cousin, Meade Large, who is at Cape May with his three boys.

Florence Meade looks very much like the Meade side of the family. She is a granddaughter of the late General George Gordon Meade, who was the late George Gordon Meade, whose wife was Miss Bessie Lewis, a sister of Mr. John T. Lewis, Jr., Dr. Morris Lewis and Mr. Saunders Lewis, of this city.

She is a first cousin therefore of Mrs. Horace Francine, Mrs. George Cooke, George G. Meade, Jr., Saunders Meade and Salvador Meade, who are all in New York. The first cousins are indeed numerous, for when one turns to the Large cousins (their mother was Miss Sarah Meade, you know, a daughter of the late general), there are Mrs. Joseph Harrison, Mrs. Charles Fox, Mrs. Stevenson Easby, Meade Large, the late Bob Large, whose widow was Miss Mary Reakirt, John Large, who married Miss Clifford Newbold, and Spencer Large.

Florence Meade lived first with her cousins, the Larges, after her parents' death, but when Henrietta Large married Ray Easby, Florence went to live with Miss Meade.

Mr. Kay is the son of the late James Murray Kay and Mrs. Kay, of Boston. His sister, Mary Kay, who is well understood that no date has been finally settled upon for the wedding, but it will probably take place in the late fall.

I WAS talking to the sand crab yesterday. It had been off staying at Atlantic City and further up the Jersey coast, and then had gone back to Cape May, and it says we ought to have been down at the last place last week, when they had the young cloudburst. I did not realize what a time they were having, did you?

Well, my dears, go down there to the photographers on the boardwalk and you will see pictures of our own Philadelphia girls in bathing suits and down Columbia avenue in a washub, and then you'll believe it, for that is what two of them did. (Strictly speaking, I believe one is not a Philadelphian, however).

Every one put on bathing suits and raced around to the houses where there were cellars, to help rescue the vegetables and fruits, etc., that were stored there, for in some cases the water in the cellars was up to the knees.

The sand crab says, "It was awfully good and 'goney' to walk around in a cellar rescuing a trunk full of linen and picking up cantaloupes and racing after floating watermelons, and then to come suddenly on a soft piece of carpet, that oozed under your feet."

And next morning, you would not have known that the place had been flooded. Some of the women had had their coats carried across the streets, and one well-known young matron was taken across one street horizontally, on the shoulders of two stalwart youths, while one man got a raft and towed himself around from Washington street to the Chalfont Hotel.

Wouldn't you have loved to see it? But the joke of it all was that the two who rode in the washub did not know that their pictures were being taken and found them being sold two days later for five cents each.

To say the mother of one young lady was horrified would be very genteel. "I told them to come in and stop riding around the public streets in a washub. Think of it!" she exclaimed. "My daughter over the picture!"

But when it comes to prices, Tom's story beats them all. "Do you know," he informed the family the other day, "you can go to Boston for eight cents." The family gave a collective gasp. "Where," inquired another brother, "do you get that stuff?"

"Why, in the trolley cars," explained Tom. "In one of those great big long green cars in town, there's a sign in it, and it says, 'Boston, 8 cents; and you can go to Chicago for 7 cents!'"

And then the family remembered the excitement about the six-cent fare, gathered its collective senses from the corners and crevices of the room, and smiled a wide, appreciative, collective smile.

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Mr. Henry A. Miller, of 803 East Washington lane, has returned from a fishing trip to Wildwood.

Mrs. Charles C. Watt, of 6005 Wayne avenue, entertained at cards at her home during the week.

Friends of Mrs. W. S. McCombs, of Musgrave street and Locust avenue, will be glad to hear that she has sufficiently recovered from her recent severe illness to take a motor ride.

NEW JERSEY NOTES

Mrs. H. N. Cresswell and her sister, Miss McCutcheon, who have been spending several weeks at Springfield, Mass., as the guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. DeWright Loomis, are now at their country home, the Hazel Court in Egewater Park.

Mrs. Charles E. Rauth and her two sons, Mr. Russell Rauth and Master Billie Rauth, of Edgewater Park, are spending August in the mountains in New York state.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lunick will close their cottage in Edgewater Park on September 1 and will take apartments in West Philadelphia for the winter.

Lieutenant Philip Lyons, Jr., who was with the aviation corps for two years in France, has arrived at his home in Burlington and is spending a fortnight with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lyons, of South High street.

Mrs. Gilbert M. Wilson, of Maple Corners in Edgewater Park, will leave for Boston, Mass., on August 25, to spend a fortnight.

Mrs. John Davis and her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, who have been spending the summer at the Pocono mountains, will open their home in Edgewater Park early in September.

Mr. Henri Bohner is spending a vacation at Saranac Lake, N. Y., as the guest of Mr. Francis E. Green.

Miss Ruth Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Barnes, of Edgewater Park, N. J., who has been spending a fortnight as the guest of Miss Anna T. Davis, of Sewell, N. J., will leave tomorrow for Avalon-by-the-Sea for a ten-day visit with Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Moore.

Miss Katherine Rine has as her guest at her home on Walnut lane, at Beverly, Miss Estella McClure, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. M. Gunn and her sister, Miss Jessie Van Seiver, of Beverly, are at the Pocono mountains for a fortnight's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reifender, of Bay City, Mich., are visiting friends in Beverly.

Mrs. M. Foote, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brammer, of cottage lane, in Edgewater Park, has returned to her home at Newark.

ALONG THE READING

Mr. William West Frazier and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brinley, of 250 South Eighteenth street, are occupying Avila, a French country place near Rydal, for the summer.

Mrs. George S. Lasher and her niece, Miss Georgene Butler, of Lorraine, Washington lane and Susquehanna road opposite Rydal station, are spending several weeks at the Chalfont Hotel, Atlantic City. Mrs. Lasher's daughter, Miss Gertrude Gilbert, is at the Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.

Mr. Louis E. Henderson, of Oak Lane, has left for a trip to the Great Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Burgoyne, of 6807 North Tenth street, Oak Lane, have gone to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, of Jenkintown, have been spending some time at Ocean City, N. J., where their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis R. Dutton, of Washington lane, and Township line, Jenkintown, are staying for a part of the season.

The Rev. Charles A. Santee and Mrs. Santee, of Fort Washington, have been taken through Pennsylvania and Maryland.

GERMANTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watson, of East Walnut lane, are spending the season at Atlantic City, where they are staying at the Traymore.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Carrigan, 322 East Johnson street, have returned from a trip to Pleasantville, N. J., and have gone to visit Mr. Carrigan's relatives at Providence, R. I. Mr. Carrigan recently returned from two years' service overseas in the United States army.

The Misses Why, of 315 Church lane, have gone to Dinwiddie Park, Pa., to spend the remainder of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilgus, of 2140 Olney avenue, returned on Monday from a month's golfing in the White mountains.

Mr. Andrew Johnstone, of 5353 Magnolia avenue, has been called to Canada, owing to the illness of a near relative, Miss Esther Johnstone is spending some time in Maine.

Mr. Donald MacKubbin, son of the Rev. Henry A. MacKubbin and Mrs. MacKubbin, of 723 Winter street, has been called to Philadelphia, Pa., August 17. Mr. MacKubbin served with the United States army overseas, and after the armistice was signed took courses at Cambridge University, England. He returned home during July.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Ogden, of Dexter street, are spending a fortnight in Atlantic City.

Miss Catharine M. McClellan, of 317 Kraus avenue, will spend September in Wildwood. Her brother, Mr. Wilson McClellan, is spending the latter part of August in Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, of Manayunk, are spending two weeks in Wildwood.

MELROSE PARK

Miss Margaret Nyland, of Melrose Park, has returned home after a short stay at Atlantic City, where she was the guest of Miss Sophie Rauch.

Mr. Howard Eaton and Mr. Joah Brogden, Jr., of Melrose Park, are making a short stay at Atlantic City. After their return Mr. Howard Eaton will be the guest of Mrs. J. Brogden until the 1st of September.

TIOPA

The Beta Gamma Sigma fraternity gave a dinner on Saturday evening at the Ardella in honor of Mr. Graham Coffey, of 3429 North Nineteenth street, who left on Monday to live in Pittsburgh, Pa. Other guests included Mr. G. Herbert Wright, Mr. Harry Coffey, Mr. G. Brinton Young, Mr. James Henderson, Mr. Douglas Besore and Mr. Albert Metz.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Loughran, of 3835 North Broad street, are spending the season in Ventnor. Mr. Loughran is a member of the board of health. He was prominently identified with the Collingdale Baptist Church, having been superintendent of the Sunday school nearly six years. He was a member of Washington Camp, No. 500, P. O. S. of A., of Collingdale.

John T. Swartley, sixty-five years old, for thirty-five years a farmer and dairyman at Ashland and Bartram avenues, Darby township, was buried yesterday in Arlington Cemetery, Lansdowne. Mr. Swartley died on Monday following a stroke of apoplexy, which he suffered six hours before his death.

Mrs. Georgina St. C. McNab

Mrs. Georgina St. C. McNab, wife of Thomas A. McNab, a lawyer, died Monday. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Yareland. Mrs. McNab will be buried tomorrow from the home of her brother-in-law, J. E. Pequinot, 2629 North Sixty-second street. Requiem high mass will be celebrated in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and burial made in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Henry Percy Huston

Henry Percy Huston, of Bon Air Farms, Manoa, who died on Saturday, in the University Hospital, will be buried tomorrow from the home of his sister, Miss Irene Huston, 421 South Lansdowne avenue, Lansdowne. Mr. Huston was a son of the late Dr. S. C. and Lavinia Huston. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Nelson Huston. Besides his sister he is also survived by a brother, Clare Aubrey Huston, of Washington.

Miss Catherine A. Bond

Miss Catherine Alexander Bond, of 1608 Locust street, died Monday night in Atlantic City, where she was spending the summer. She was a cousin of Joseph MacGregor Mitchem, an attorney, who lived at the same address. The funeral of Miss Bond will be held tomorrow at her home in Locust street.

George W. Rex

George W. Rex, aged seventy, died on Monday at his home, 29 West Mt. Pleasant avenue, Mount Airy, of apoplexy, with which he was stricken a week before. Mr. Rex was a member of an old Montgomery family. For sixteen years he had been a salesman in the Fletcher grocery store, Germantown.

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C. A. Hopkins Buried

The funeral of Clarence A. Hopkins, who died Sunday, was held this afternoon at his home, 2032 Eastgate street, Toga. The Rev. Herbert Agate, of the Temple Baptist Church, officiated. Interment was in Ardley Cemetery.

MISS BARR MARRIES THIS EVENING AT HOME

Marriage to Mr. John B. Stafford Tonight Will Be Followed by Reception

The wedding of Miss Jennie B. Barr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr, of 112 East Wyoming avenue, and Mr. John B. Stafford, of 4218 North Seventh street, will take place this evening at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. H. Smith Stull, pastor of Mount Carmel Methodist Episcopal Church, will perform the ceremony. Mr. Barr will give his daughter in marriage. She will wear a gown of white satin veiled with embroidered georgette crepe, and will carry a shower of bride roses. Miss Margaret Barr, the bride's sister, will be her only attendant, and will wear a gown of pink georgette crepe and will carry pink roses.

Mr. Joseph Stafford will be best man. A reception will follow the ceremony. Mr. Stafford and his bride, upon their return from their trip, will be at home at 112 East Wyoming avenue, and will receive after September 10.

DUNBECK—LITTLEFIELD

A marriage of interest took place last night at the home of Lieutenant Frederick A. Payne and Mrs. Payne, of 811 South Fifty-seventh street, when Mrs. Payne's sister, Miss Martha Littlefield, of Jamestown, R. I., became the bride of Captain Charles Dunbeck, U. S. M. C., of the Fifth Regiment of Marines. The ceremony was performed by the navy chaplain stationed at League Island, and Miss Littlefield was attended by her sister, Mrs. Payne, while Lieutenant Payne was best man. Only the immediate families were present.

Captain Dunbeck was in every major battle in which the Second Division engaged and received the Croix de Guerre, the Medal of the Legion of Honor and many citations for personal bravery. He was wounded several times.

HASSELAQUIST—TORIN

A pretty midsummer wedding will take place this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Tobin, 2316 North Twelfth street, when their daughter, Miss M. Elizabeth Tobin, will be married to Mr. Ernest E. Hasselquist, of Elgin, Ill. The ceremony will be performed at 5 o'clock by the Rev. Francis Wetherill, pastor of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, and will be followed by a reception.

Mr. Tobin will give his daughter in marriage, and she will be unattended. She will wear a gown of white chiffon cloth and will carry Sweetheart roses. Mr. Hasselquist and his bride will leave for a trip up the Hudson, and upon their return they will go to Elgin, Ill., where they will be at home at 271 DuPage street.

DAVIS—CARRICK

An interesting wedding to take place this afternoon is that of Miss Sarah Carrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carrick, of 3151 North Ninth street, and Sergeant William Davis, Jr., Company D, Twenty-eighth Division, 109th Infantry, which will be solemnized in the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Broad and Diamond streets, with the Rev. Dr. Allen officiating.

The bride will wear her traveling suit of dark blue, with a hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will leave on an extended trip, and upon their return they will be at home at 3158 North Sixth street. Sergeant Davis recently returned from France, having served for one year overseas.

WOOTERS—LENARTZ

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Marie E. Lenartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lenartz, of 6403 North Sixth street, and Mr. Edward W. Wooters, of 816 West Augustus avenue, on Friday evening, August 15. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Anna C. Lenartz, and Mr. Carl Ziegler was the best man. Mr. and Mrs. Wooters left on their wedding trip immediately after the service.

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THE READER'S VIEWPOINT

Letters to the Editor on Current Topics

(Communications to this department should be brief, written on one side of the paper only and accompanied by the names and addresses of the senders, though not necessarily for publication. Replies to topics of a controversial nature are not desired.)

Favors Public Ownership

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER: Sir—You choose to speak of the "fallacy in the whole plan of the 'Big Four' brotherhoods" in a recent editorial; allow me to point out the fallacy of the editorial itself.

Because Mr. Hill's general plan calls it what you will conceive and built the Great Northern system it does not follow that such a genius must necessarily be nurtured under the conditions of private enterprise. The public, in its shape, the United States Government, built the Panama Canal after private enterprise had entirely failed—surely an undertaking every bit as great from any standpoint as the Great Northern system's construction. The argument is the old theory of "adequate incentive" that is the worn-out standby of capitalist investors.

It is true that the development of the Northwest, as well as the development of all parts of our country, is due to the enterprise of the individual. But it was the pioneer who pushed beyond the unknown and suffered and died in the endeavor to reach what really "took the risks," because men are the way and will be as long as the earth is inhabited by men. Capitalistic enterprise in this case, and in all cases that involved the launching of public utilities (which are merely supplementary to the ordinary necessities of life), "took the risks" by bribing legislators, robbing the public domain of land of infinite value in the shape of grants and franchises, and further insuring itself by stock-watering, etc. Today we are paying for the fruits of such expansion and the unworkability of our present constructive geniuses.

Lastly, even granting the necessity of all these early conditions and the kind of incentive typified by J. J. Hill, the time has come when such expansion is no longer possible and the period now so distant when the exploitation of new territory by railroads will have reached its zenith. It is this comparative stability that makes public operation of utilities so much more practicable, even granting your argument as applied to pioneer days.

Reverting to "adequate incentive," the question before the people in the case of the railroads is whether it shall be the lure of public loot and its consequent evils (from which we are suffering today), or the loftier and just as practicable ideal of public service, of which latter the great Panama Canal stands as a magnificent example.

JANISIA ROSTOV, Philadelphia, August 15.

As to Rent Profiteers

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER: Sir—I have attended many meetings of the Tenants' Protective League, and have heard many suggestions (wise and otherwise) for the solution of the "rent problem," but your line-and-a-half solution, appearing in Saturday's EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, is a model of brevity, of truth, and is altogether efficient. You say: "The one effective way of swatting the profiteer is to build more houses."

But how are we going to arrive at this happy solution? I am sure you do not contemplate other municipal entrance into the building business, nor the forcing of builders into activity. How, then, can we hope to swat the profiteer or provide a crop of nice new dwellings?

To my mind, the process is not only simple and easy, but will be in line with justice and morality.

Labor and materials can be procured. Less than 50 per cent of Philadelphia's area is built upon. Builders are anxious for the return of business activity so sadly hampered by the war. With such a favorable condition confronting us, why should tenants be holding protest meetings and the owners of rentable business of providing homes be under a cloud of suspicion?

The trouble is, that in the past, we have placed a premium on holding land out of use, in other words, our taxing program says to the idle holder of land, "As long as you hold the land idle your taxes will remain the same. If you build, as soon as you commit an improvement upon it, such as erecting a row or two of dwellings, we will not only fine or penalize you on each and every dwelling erected, but we will continue that fine every year."

The power to profitably hold land out of use attracts the rent profiteers, the gamblers and speculators to the rich pickings provided by our foolish, wicked and wasteful treatment of land, so that by the time land comes into the builder's possession, the price of it (which he is compelled to charge up to the purchaser or renter of his dwellings) is so high that only a few of our citizens can be comfortably and desirably housed.

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