EXODUS TO THE RESORTS IS SWIFT AND SWEEPING.

MRS. FRANK L. NORTON OF ST. LOUIS, WHO WAS MISS BROWNRIGG, A BELLE OF MARSHALL, TEXAS.

You can count the people left in town. I never saw St. Louis so deserted as this last week. The terrific heat has driven society away in shoals, even those who have all along declared with great positiveness that they were determined to stay at home and save money.

The hot nights are what does it. Anybody can endure heat during the day with a reasonable amount of precaution, abstinence from exercise and plenty of cool drinks. But just let a few scorching nights come along, with that much-lauded Southern breeze of ours nowhere to be felt. Then people begin to think with great affection of that pleasant little, two-by-four apartment in the fire-proof hotel at Swamphurst-by-the-Slough, with its coquettish rows of clothes pegs on the wall, gracefully concealed by a calico curtain; its large dormer window overlooking a tin roof; its slatted door, through which the gentle patter of those five Tompkins children can be heard almost any morning before 6 o'clock as they drag a small cart up and down and prattle to each other in dulcet childish voices, and its immeasurable inducement to gentle, but health-inducing exercise, in the way of leaps over trunk to bed, over bed to washstand, and back again to trunk, all of which makes the preparation of one's toilet an interesting, not to say exciting, process.

But, jokes aside, one can manage to put up with indoor convenience to no inconsiderable degree, provided there is plenty of outdoor sport and coolness. The Eastern seacoast was never hotter than this year, except 'way down in Maine, which never gets warm enough for any but the hardiest persons to bathe. But those who went North very early have written steadily the most laudatory comment on this summer's weather—warm enough to be enjoyable and cool in proportion.

A Wequetonsing letter last week says the thermometer has reached 90 degrees only once this month, and that—this is hardest of all to bear—they sleep under blankets every night.

The Douglass Cooks have reached Cape May. They went over from Buffalo last week. Carrie writes that college men enliven the landscape at every turn in the road, and that the girl who hasn't at least six on her staff is in the rear pews.

Princeton, Harvard and University of Pennsylvania fellows predominate. They are not waiting to be asked, either, but are proving themselves very liberal entertainers, leading cotillons and generally getting—and keeping—busy.

I predict a summer of rare sport for Miss Cook and the Dula girls, who went down a week ago with more smart gowns than fall into the trunks of most summer maids.

Let "Eddie" Preetorius, Lewis Tune and Charles Dunbar Fisher, who are booked for Cape May, stand not on the order of their departure if they wish to stand in when they arrive. It behooves the aforesaid gentle youths to hustle, else they may be reduced, on reaching the Cape, to the taking of comfortable chairs on piazzas and the making of sarcastic remarks concerning the college lions.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Hackett are cottaging at Cape May, and, as is always their habit when summering, will take a large part in the gayety of the place. So many St. Louisans met the Hacketts down at Narragansett two years ago and found them wholly congenial and delightful. The Andre Scanlans are never done talking of the Hackett parties, and when both Mary Mannering and her husband were here last winter with their respective companies, Mr. and Mrs. Scanlan reciprocated delightedly by several dinners and the like.

Where is that croquet plot we were to have at Glen Echo this summer? 'Tis night time that we were knocking balls about on the green sward out Normandy way; for, lo! the ancient, but eminently genteel game has arrived at Narragansett and some of the other places of fashion, and is quite the vogue.

A few resorts boasted a well-kept plot for croquet last summer. I remember the Evans girls came back from Old Sweet, down in Virginia, and reported that one of the daily excitements of the hotel was to see Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont play her afternoon game on her especially prepared, carefully irrigated and mown-by-mule-power croquet ground. She did not reach Old Sweet until August, and it took the entire month of July, with four men working every day, to get that grass plot perfectly level and generally in form.

Then Mrs. Belmont, always clad in the most fetching of afternoon toilets, would sally forth each day about 5 p. m., and with a young New York woman for her companion and adversary, would proceed to knock balls round through arches until dinnertime.

It is, I believe, considered smart to own one's mallet and to have the same made as handsome as possible—carved things on the handle, you know.

Doctor and Mrs. J. J. Lawrence, who now belong to New York, are at the Pier, which has always been their favorite Atlantic resort. So are the F. E. Marshalls and their young son.

William Gillette, the actor, has a houseboat this summer and is hovering along the Narragansett shores. I am anxious to know how he manages a houseboat on the seacoast, where there are no towpaths and no quiet waters. I have an idea that his craft is much more in the line of a steam yacht than a houseboat.

Wise ones among the stay-at-homes are laying particular stress on the devoted attentions which appear to be Miss Felicia Judson's portion just now, the swain in the case being young Governeur Calhoun, who has been her constant cavalier all spring.

Of course, no announcement has yet been made. Who wants to formally announce an engagement in the summer, with one's entire calling list out of town? But it is generally understood. And the few smart people who have spoken to me about it appear to be pleased.

Miss Judson is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Judson. She is a college girl, quite intellectual, and her father's boon companion. They are always together at plays and concerts during the season, and find each other wholly congenial.

Mr. Calhoun, who is, by-the-bye, no relation of David R. Calhoun, comes from the South, and has lived in St. Louis only about two years. He has something to do with the long-distance telephones, I believe. In addition to an aristocratic name, which marks him as having ancestry of distinction, he is a thoroughly likable young man whose friends say much that is pleasant about him.

Texas girls are nearly always fine athletes. Have you noticed it? Here is Mrs. Frank Norton, who was Miss Brownrigg of Marshall, Tex., until about a year and a half ago, taking all sorts of honors this summer for her riding, driving and shooting. Her husband takes vast pride in her prowess, I note, and encourages her quite as much as the spouse of our other Diana, Mrs. "Dute" Cabanne.

The Nortons have lived in town since their marriage, out on Olive street, and have drawn about them a very pleasant circle of friends.

Somewhere in print I note that DeLacey Chandler has gone to Hot Springs, Va., to recuperate. That must be a mistake, for I'm willing to wager my newest lawn frock that the next moonlight night will find him down on the Jamestown coast, possibly whispering tender tales into the ear of the most fascinating widow whom St. Louis has produced this decade, whose affairs of the heart are more numerous than the Titian hairs of her coquettish little head, and whose mail, addressed in masculine handwriting, was so bulky in texture and so extensive in quantity last winter that two extra clerks were required in the Yokohama post office during her stay across the Pacific. This sounds fictional, but 'tis true.

Just ask the widow.
Or else Mr. Chandler.

As for those of us who are left, we have the ball games. They are decidedly the vogue. Not in years have I noticed so many fashionable women in the grand stand.

Never before last Saturday had I seen Miss Edith January in a box at a ball game. She came with Phil Scanlan, and they sat in a right-hand box with several other very well-known people.

The game has developed a clientele of girls and young matrons this season who go constantly. Saturday is the favorite day, but all the week one sees white linen gowns and jaunty shirt-waist hats sprinkled through both grand stands and massed together in the boxes.

To return to Saturday's game a week ago: The Booghers had a box—that is, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boogher, and Mrs. Peter Wilson, with young Julia Wilson and Mrs. Leland Boogher. Doctor Boogher sat back in the fourth or fifth row.

The Albert Bond Lamberts, fresh from Paris, were in an adjoining box with Colonel McGrew. Mrs. Lambert wore a large red straw sailor, trimmed in quill feathers, and a muslin gown dotted in red.

The Fred Nolkers occupied their favorite corner box with friends, and, of course, there were dozens of clubmen and summer widowers scattered about—Bert Walker, Ralph McKittrick, Charlie McKeen, Mark Ewing, who never misses a game if he can help it; Clarkson Carpenter, Joseph Franklin, accompanied by one of his daughters; Rob Holmes, Claude Kennerly, Otto Mersman and the Lacklands.

If you own a string of gold beads, hunt them up, attach thereto a large circular locket—you may put whatever you like inside—and hang the same round your neck.

It is the newest fad of the summer. Lockets are not new, of course; but the combination.

Mrs. "Johnny" Drummond is wearing one, and right effective it is, too, with the beads. I met her the other morning in a white tucked linen skirt, with blouse of India mull heavily embroidered in an open-work pattern, the collar made of the mull and allowed to crush down round the throat. Her hat was a sailor of pale pink taffeta, corded thickly and trimmed in pink choux and folds of two deeper shades of pink, with a touch of black velvet next the crown. She is looking particularly handsome and blooming this summer, and the costume was becoming.

First St. Louis Clubman: "What's up with George Hoffman these days? He looks so chipper. Unexpected legacy?"

Second Ditto: "Why, don't you know? Cherries are ripe, and he's following the Bent of his inclinations?"

SERENA LAMB.

SUMMER GARDENS.

Friday night's audience at the Cave was large, and, considering how many people are out of town, tolerably fashionable.

John Schroers, whose family is at Rye Beach, entertained a box party of men friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Healy had a box with several ladies.

Many dainty gowns made their appearance, and the hatless girl was a decided feature of the evening.

Miss Florence Bauman wore a smart white muslin, heavily dotted in black, with a pale blue sash and a blue aigrette in her dark hair.

Judge and Mrs. Estes had a box with their young daughter, Miss Estes, and several of her girl friends. Mrs. Estes looked unusually well in white, with much lace and a large white plumed hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Bell, lately returned from their wedding journey, sat with Mr. Percy Bell and friends in the left box tier. Mrs. Bell wore white organdy and lace.

On the front row of the parquet were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Knapp, Miss Julia Knapp and her escort. Miss Knapp wore white mull, with Valenciennes and pink ribbons.

Miss Stolle, who is entertaining a party of Illinois friends, sat with them in the middle parquet.

Doctor John Green, Jr., escorted a young girl friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Behr, Miss Sylvia Allen, with some Webster people, and Miss Nellie Campbell and her escort were in the parquet.

Charles Napton came with a party of men, and George Dovey joined friends between acts.

MISCELLANEOUS ENTERTAINMENTS.

A play, "Chang-Ching-Pow," is to be given at the Arcade Hall, in Cabanne, Friday evening, July 26, for the benefit of the Fresh Air Fund. Those who will take part are: Josephine and Lucy Mills, Esther, Agnes and Sara Smith, Paul and Bessie Phillips, Helen Gorse, Marylee and Alice Horner, Thomas and Margaretha Roth, Edith Piper, Florence Weyrich, Hester Hyman, Frederic Lathrop, Arnold Roth and H. T. Biglow.

A party of girls took a trip to Madison, Ill., last Saturday, to attend a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Obert. They were: Misses Lulu Grueminger, Lizzie Holdener, Aora Maneke and Annie Grueminger.

Miss Freda Riehl, No. 4330 North Twentieth street, gave a shirt-waist party Friday evening. Those present were:

Misses—
Mattye Rice, Lillian Riehl.
Gertrude Sittig.
Messieurs—
Harry E. Morris, Lon Hoffman.
Dolph Dieterich, Arthur Miller.
Bert Thomas.

The C. M.s entertained their friends Friday evening with a swimming party at the Benton Park swimming pool. After the swim a supper was served in the dining hall. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. L. Ziegler. Owing to the success of the affair, the club has decided to hold another in the near future, arrangements for which are now pending.

Among those present were:

Misses—
Clara Freymark, Frieda Kruer.
Heloise Bohlen, Millie Kaercher.
Jeannette Weymuth, Barbara Seitz.
Annie Nahler, Martha Bohlen.
Hannah Seitz, Meta Eckhardt.
Gertrude Miller, Emma Ruesing.
Nellis McCullom of Fayette, Mo., Josie Bromschwig.
Messieurs—
A. C. Boefer, Frank G. Reitz.
J. E. Schmid, Hugo D. Schilling.
W. R. Schmitt, H. C. Waite.
Joseph Bromschwig, Waldo D. Arens.
Emil Schoenberg, Hugo Mueller.
T. J. Eckardt, Virgil Ziegler.
Homer Ziegler, William E. Grein.
Fred Habenicht, Paul E. Nahler.
Joseph Bockelmann, William Andelfinger.
Ed Miller, Doctor J. I. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Schlecht, No. 3105 South Jefferson avenue, entertained a number of their friends Saturday evening, the occasion being the host's birthday. Cards were played on the lawn until 11 o'clock, after which supper was served. Prizes were won by Mrs. Harry Bromschwig, Miss Kate Mueller and Mrs. Charles Schlecht, and by Messrs. Minges, Link and Feist. Miss Othelia Lang gave several vocal and instrumental selections.

Among the guests were the following:

Messieurs and Mesdames—
Charles Schlecht, George Minges.
Harry Bromschwig, Philip H. Reichardt.
Al Fischer, Dr. C. E. Anderson.
Misses—
Othelia Lang, Millie Schlecht.
Kate Mueller, Della Schlecht.
Josephine Stampfly, Frances Koken.
Laura Reichardt.
Messieurs—
Gus Schlecht, Fred Burg.
Joseph Schlecht, Fred Feist.
Charles Link.

A lawn party was given at "Red Gables," a summer resort at Wright City, Mo., in honor of Misses Gertrude and Matilda Straube of St. Louis. The guests included:

Misses—
Matilda Straube, Dora Kellman.
Gertrude Straube, Carrie Hemerling.
Daisy Kent, Stella Gemp.
Frances Kent, Edna Evesmeyer.
Carrie Williams, Marie Hudson.
Chloye Schwartz, Stella Evesmeyer.
Ella Hedloger, Grace Hudson.
Messieurs—
Herbert Straube, Julius Wessendorf.
D. Webster Gadberry, John Schapper.
George Williams, Carl Hudson.
Herman Hedloger, Newton Hallack.
Alfred Kromer, Forest Hudson.
Massie Chambers, Edwin Hillemeyer.
James Schwartz.

A shirt-waist party was given by Miss Emily Grasear of Park avenue in honor of Miss L. Foulton of San Francisco, Cal.

Among the guests were:

Misses—
Florence Boerner, Lulu Meiser.
Celeste Deveraux, Kate Schlueter.
Lydia Deveraux, Augusta Schlueter.
Ida Stucke, Millie Reinhart.
Lulu Stucke, Lillian Reinhart.
Dora Meiser, Nettie Heisler.
Mesdames—
G. Reid, G. Ehrmann.
Messieurs—
C. Deveraux, F. Bucker of Virginia.
E. Deveraux, H. Jocham.

Last week a crowd of young folks gave an all-day outing in honor of Miss Lollie Hull of Geyer avenue, the guests all wearing blue and white outing suits in their club colors. Dancing and games were the chief features of the day. Dinner was served in the evening.

Among those present were:

Misses—
Lollie Hull, Katherine Egan.
Nell Deveraux, Anna Dalton.
Tillie Shopp, Mary Deneher.
Mayme Egan, Agnes Clark.
May Sullivan.
Mesdames—
Deveraux, Deveraux.
Dalton, Rolfes.
Gallagher, White.
Igoe, John Deveraux.
Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy chaperoned.

Members of the St. L. Players' Club and their friends took possession of Koerner's Park on Friday evening and gave a reception to Mr. Lawrence Hanley after his play, "The Player," the piece having been put on for the week at their special request. After the performance Mr. Hanley was the guest of honor of the club.

The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Hurst, and the club members present were:

Misses—
Moore, Lange.
H. Bickel, C. Annis.
G. Bickel, Everson.
M. Annis, Markham.
Judlin, Hamilton.
Messieurs—
Butts, Hoff.
Babb, Scott.
Brown, Mahoney.
Niemeyer, Pettinger.
Raffayolo, Lange.

Miss Ruth Whitton entertained a number of her friends Saturday evening with a "handcar party." The trip was made to the Chain of Rocks and was voted a success. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Whitton.

Refreshments were served at her home after the return to the city. Among those present were:

Misses—
Ruth Whitton, Mabel Bibb.
Alice Bibb, Susie Messerly.
Haworth Bibb, Laurie Hilligass.
Messieurs—
Bert Strossmer, Benjamin Mony.
James Doyle, Fred B. Haworth.
W. R. Pedeston.

Young people met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Barnes, No. 6714 Virginia avenue, on July 13, in honor of Miss Pansy Barnes's birthday. After having played a number of games an elegant supper was served. Among those present were the following:

Misses—
Pansy Barnes, Sadie Morley.
A. Beyers, Bertha Young.
Minnie Knickmann, Gene McNeally.
Maud Beebe, Hazel Barnes.
Bernice Barnes, Maud Frye.
Edna Mason, Frances Elken.
Messieurs—
Hiram Moshe, Geo. Young.
Wm. Berning, Wm. Elken.
H. Altepeter, Wm. Trower.
Fred Stevens, Robert Beebe.
Thos. Caser, — McNeally.
Geo. Sternburg, Lloyd O. Watson.
Chas. Sternburg.

The South Side Informal gave a swimming party last Thursday evening at the new Natatorium. A large number of South Side belles and beaux attended and spent an enjoyable evening. Refreshments were served after the swim. Those present were:

Messrs. and Mesdames—
R. A. Helmerichs, J. E. Weissenborn.
Messieurs—
Gus Bieton, Phil. Burg, Jr.
Wm. H. Hoppe, Robert Dittmann.
F. A. Bieton, Gus. Riesmeyer, Jr.
A. H. Fischer, H. C. Stoffregen.
Chas. Rippe, Emil Fritz.
Sinclair Lieber, Doctor E. Schisler.
Oscar Burg, Alfred Luehrman.
C. H. Meinhard, Fred Doerr.
Otto Herold, C. Brueggeman.
Travers A. Geisel, Dempster Godlove.
Geo. W. Luehrman.
Misses—
Mattie Geisel, Olga Herold.
Rose Weissenborn, Laura Herold.
Alice Gat, Emma Spiechler.
Marie Schlossstein, Emma Hoppe.
Olga Koenig, Nux Bierbaum.
Luella Fleischbein, Minnie Rippe.
Adele Herich, Ella Schaefer.

A lawn party was given in honor of Mr. Joe Mahony on Friday, July 12, at his home in Hebert street. The lawn was decorated with Japanese lanterns. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Among those present were:

Mrs. Charles C. Gevers, who was Miss Clara Le Page until Wednesday evening.

Misses:
Johnson, Josie Sullivan.
Baker, Martha Weishau.
Frankie, Jennie Walbert.
Mamie Hart, Ruth Whetton.
Emma Rhindhart, Stella O'Brien.
Frances Connor, Rilla Bright.
M. Ellen Cunningham, Claudine Pettingill.
Ollie Moersbell, Hazel Shuman.
Jennie Beisey, Friede.
Julia Quinn.
Messieurs—
Henry Schnider, Al Sutter.
Carl Wanesca, Ben Manie.
Walter Busche, William Penniston.
Bud Malloy, George Hardy.
Louis Ploeger, Walter Senn.
Tom Cunningham, Jim Downes.
Jack Lynn, Charlie O'Donahue.
Joe Cummings, Walter Neistrab.
Lee Fiske, Jim Cassidy.
Art Weishau.

A surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coleman of 2826 St. Vincent avenue Monday night in honor of Mrs. Coleman's birthday. Music, dancing and card playing were indulged in, after which refreshments were served.

Among those present were:

Messieurs—
J. B. Nolan, Frank McFarland.
A. E. Sweet, Thomas Murphy.
Ed Brendecke, Thomas Goodnight.
F. M. Eckhardt, Alexander.
B. A. Fleming, Chauncey Fleming.
H. E. Schottmueller, Newton Coleman.
Mesdames—
Alexander, F. M. Eckhardt.
J. B. Wolan, B. A. Fleming.
A. E. Sweet, H. E. Schottmueller.
Brendecke, Thomas Murphy.
D. A. Steen.
Misses—
Elizabeth Reader, Bessie Shelly.
Estelle Alexander, Sadie Dyer.
Jessie Hartley, Flora Bell of Miami.
Anna Murphy, Mo.

Miss Helen Mehlig of No. 4146 Delmar avenue entertained a number of her friends Friday evening at a Japanese rose reception, which was both novel and interesting. The predominating color in the decorations was red. Each of the chandeliers was festooned with red satin ribbons, and ribbons of the same color and material were draped from the chandeliers to the corners of the different rooms and also to the corners of the refreshment table. The candelabra and electric light globes were also decorated with red shades, and the veranda was lighted with red Japanese lanterns.

The favors were red rose-shaped boxes of bon bons.

On a table in one of the back parlors were arranged a number of articles, each indicating the name of a flower, and the guests were given numbered cards, on which they were required to write the names of the flowers indicated.

The first prize for ladies was won by Miss Stella Eckhardt and the second by Miss Mae Wolfe. Mr. W. Eugene Smith captured the first prize for gentlemen and Doctor O. L. Ogle the second.

Among those present were Misses Margarite Morrissey, Mae Wolfe, Irma Dietz, Johanna Kaub, Edith Nolting, Ella Gerak and Stella Eckhardt, and Messrs. W. E. Smith, F. C. Delporte, A. V. Maescher, C. F. Hiestand, C. S. Dunham, Benjamin Hauskins, H. B. Maginn and Doctor Ogle.

There were a number of vocal and instrumental selections, and Mr. Hiestand gave a creditable exhibition of sleight-of-hand tricks and parlor magic.

WEDDINGS.

Sterling Silverware—Mermod & Jaccard's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Friedman, No. 4449 West Pine street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lily, to Mr. Gus M. Hollstein of Peoria, Ill. Miss Friedman has gone to Boston, where she will remain until October. On her return she will announce her reception day.

The Reverend Doctor H. S. Messing and Mrs. Messing, No. 4439 Delmar boulevard, announce the engagement of their daughter, Josephine, to Mr. Ben Roman. No cards.

The engagement of Miss Clara Hassendeubel, No. 2706 Wyoming street, to Mr. Sherman A. Taylor of Belleville has been announced.

One of the events of this week will be the wedding of Miss Ethel M. Brown, No. 4537 Lucky street, and Mr. George Percy Shehan of Page boulevard. The affair will be very quiet, the couple leaving for their honeymoon immediately after the ceremony. They will be at home after August at No. 1406 Pendleton avenue.

A quiet wedding took place last Tuesday noon at Bofinger Chapel, Christ Church Cathedral, when Miss Frances Le Veque Blood, daughter of the late Colonel James Blood of Kansas, was married to Mr. Thomas King Jones. The bride entered with her god-father, the Reverend G. D. B. Miller, who gave her away. The ceremony was performed by the dean of the Cathedral, Carroll M. Davis, only relatives and friends being present.

The bride wore a traveling gown of dark blue cloth, and departed with her husband on the 1 o'clock train for Canada, where they will make the St. Lawrence trip to Montreal and Quebec. They will go to housekeeping on their return.

C. C. Gevers of No. 4013 North Twenty-second street and Miss Clara LePage of No. 3954 North Twentieth street, East St. Louis, were married at 4 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon. Although the engagement had been announced, the wedding was a surprise to friends, as the ceremony took place at the office of a downtown Justice of the Peace. Mr. and Mrs. Gevers departed yesterday for a two weeks' honeymoon, going direct to the Buffalo Exposition.

Bernard R. Geers of No. 2224 South Eleventh street and Miss Laure Gebhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gebhard, were married Wednesday morning at St. Francis de Sale's Church by the Reverend Father P. Lutz, the Reverend Father Fehlig celebrating the mass.

The attendants were Misses Genevieve Gebhard and Rosa Geers, and Messrs. B. Willmering and J. Wegman. A wedding breakfast followed, with a reception at the bride's home in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard R. Geers will be at home at No. 2217 Oregon avenue after August 1.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Fine Diamonds—Mermod & Jaccard's.

Miss Lizzie Mitchell, No. 6926 Mitchell avenue, will depart next week, in company with her cousin, Miss Maggie Mitchell, for a trip to South Haven, Mich., and other Northern points.

Last week of the great jewelry auction of the E. Jaccard and Merrick, Walsh & Phelps stocks at Olive and Sixth. It will pay you to attend.

Miss Lillie English, No. 3653 Thomas street, left last night to visit her sister, Mrs. H. E. Kincaid of Jackson, Tenn., and from there they go to Lookout Mountain for the summer.

Going to Buffalo Pan-American Exposition? Get tickets via Big Four Route.

Miss Laura Sharp has gone to Smedburg, Mo., to spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Sophia Pouison.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. O'Reilly, accompanied by their two daughters, Miss Agnes and Mrs. John E. Hall, are now at the Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, after having traveled considerably through the West. Mrs. Hall expects her husband to join her soon.

Mrs. Theodore Ballard and daughters, the Misses Claudia and Gertrude, of Delmar boulevard, departed Thursday to spend the remainder of the summer at South Haven, Mich.

The Baroque pearl, now so fashionable, is a real pearl of irregular shape, and they are very effective mounted in the rose gold finish. Very artistic Baroque pearl brooches, $10 to $175; just received at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

Miss Katheryn O'Brien departed last week to visit friends in Dubuque, Ia.

Mrs. H. A. Uhl, No. 4430 West Pine boulevard, and her mother, Mrs. L. Mollering, have gone to Charlevoix, Mich., to stay until September.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morris and family have given up their home, No. 4540 Cook avenue, and have taken apartments at the Forest Park Hotel.

Mr. Thurman A. Kanzler, who was graduated several weeks ago from the Christian Brothers' College, has gone to New York. En route he will visit Buffalo and the Eastern cities, and will sail for Europe on the steamer La Gascogne July 25. It is his intention to remain two years abroad, during which time he will visit France, Spain and Italy, in order to acquaint himself with the languages of those countries.

Big Four to Buffalo Pan-American Exposition. Best service, track and equipment.

Miss Elizabeth Cronin left Wednesday to visit friends in Chicago.

Miss Blanche Fitz Gerald of the South Side, accompanied by Miss Mabel Baird and Masters Leo and Newton Walker, departed on Wednesday morning for the West, to remain indefinitely.

Elegantly engraved calling cards are offered at greatly reduced prices for July and August at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust. 100 cards and plate for $1.00; 100 cards from plate, 75 cents.

Miss Miller of Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Young of Covington, Ky., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Black on Maple avenue.

Mrs. Emma E. Mann of Delmar boulevard is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. J. Holness, of No. 144 West Seventeenth street, New York. She will remain until the latter part of September.

It is very injurious to the eyes to read when you cannot read clearly and easily. Better have the eyes examined by Doctor Bond, expert optician, at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust. A correct fit of glasses assured. Steel frames, $1 and up; gold, $5 and up.

Mrs. James Berry of Forest Park boulevard, with her daughter, Miss Eugenia, is spending the summer in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Bert Ball of Cook avenue left Wednesday for Lake Minnetonka, where she will remain during the heated season.

Mr. H. Hunicke, with son and nieces, the Misses Dieckhoff, have returned from the East after a visit at Niagara and Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Givens will shortly move into their new home at No. 5545 Clemens avenue and about August 1 will go to Petoskey and other Northern resorts till the middle of September.

Tickets to New York and Boston via Big Four Route give ten days' stopover at Buffalo to see Pan-American Exposition.

The Misses Carrie Iiges, Amy Marquitz, Rose Galvin, Birdie Hollocher, Kathrine Schobert, Stella Hollocher, Lillen Pfeiffer, Tillie Dewes and Mrs. J. Dennis, chaperoned by Mrs. Charles Pfeiffer, have gone to Keokuk, Ia., on the steamer Sidney, which departed last Saturday. Messrs. Val J. Kerber, Arthur B. Dewes, Alphonse Berry and Joseph H. Tumbach are also on the same steamer.

Ladies' stylish umbrellas, in black taffeta or serge silk, close roll, strong frames; 20 designs of handles to select from; from $2.50 up. Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

Miss Jessalyn Wainwright has returned from a short visit to Buffalo.

Miss Erna Rambach of Russell avenue is visiting friends in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Barckman of Russell avenue has gone to Pennsylvania.

Miss Emilie Francis, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Mary Dickson, departed last week for Wequetonsing to visit friends.

Mrs. I. N. Behr, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Gladys, and her son, Mr. P. Bernard Behr, departed Saturday for Monmouth Beach, N. J., to spend the remainder of the summer.

Miss Jennie Aal departed last week for a tour of the Great Lakes. She will return late in September.

Doctor John C. Murphy of No. 4256 West Belle place departed Wednesday for a two weeks' visit to Buffalo and New York City.

Mrs. J. Johansen of South Side, accompanied by her two sons, Alvin and Harry, and Miss Mae Berg, are spending the summer at Solsbery Point, Lake Minnetonka.

Mrs. M. Kirby of Mattoon, Ill., is the guests of friends at Hotel Beers.

Mrs. J. W. Dunn departed Tuesday for New York to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Warren. Miss M. Dunn will spend some time at Far Rockaway before returning home.

Best watches—Mermod & Jaccard's.

Mrs. Chas. Hilger of Armand street has returned from Yellowstone Park, but will depart on Friday evening for Eureka Springs, Ark.

Mr. J. L. Selby and daughter, Miss Selby, of Litchfield, Ill., are guests at Hotel Beers.

The Misses Ulricka Kuntz and Katherine Minonghan of South St. Louis will depart Monday, July 22, for an extended trip, visiting Buffalo, Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands, returning by way of New York City.

Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

Mrs. Jas. G. Cahill and children departed for Charlevoix, Mich., last Wednesday to spend the summer.

Mrs. Brady and her daughter, Miss Florence K. Brady, of St. Louis, who have been visiting Mrs. G. W. Windeck in Washington, D. C., have gone to Atlantic City.

Mrs. J. F. Storm and Mrs. Geo. H. Mellon and daughter, James and Lloyd Storm, left Friday for Petoskey, Mich., to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. J. Lawrence Bowman and her sister, Miss Julia Vaughan, are at Ozark Hotel, Creal Springs, Ill.

Miss Athleen Rice of Memphis, Tenn., is at Hotel Beers, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

The Misses Ethel and Bess Harris, No. 4356 Cook avenue, are spending the summer at Creal Springs, Ill.

Mrs. N. Hoffheimer of Chicago is the guest of friends at Hotel Beers.

Frank P. Storm and Richard D. Hatton are spending their vacation in California, and a letter from the Cliff House states: "Sunshine; overcoats; thermometer, 58 degrees."

Mr. J. J. Kleekamp of No. 2824 Russell avenue will depart Monday for a two weeks trip through the East.

Miss Regina O'Brien is visiting friends in Woodlawn, Ill.

Mr. E. J. Snowden departed for Put-in-Bay on Friday night to attend the convention of the Commercial Law League of America. He will also make a tour of the Michigan resorts before returning.

Colonel and Mrs. Charles S. Hills departed Friday for a visit to Northern lake resorts.

Mrs. George F. Heffernan, Mrs. Leo G. Hadley and Miss July Dean have gone to South Haven, Mich., for the summer.

Doctor Freeland J. Dunn of Lawton avenue has returned from Eureka Springs, Ark., where he spent several weeks.

Mrs. John Walters of Elwood, Ind., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Heideman, No. 4627 Blair avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Steitz of No. 4137 Peck street will depart this evening for an extended visit to relatives in Waukee, Ia. Mr. Steitz's sister-in-law, Mrs. Barbara Roth, who has been here for three weeks, will return to Iowa with them.

MOTHER WILL TAKE HER HOME.

Mrs. Neidel Will Give Her Daughter Another Chance.

Mrs. Emily Neidel of No. 3428 Grace avenue, mother of Estelle Neidel, 19 years old, who was found unconscious Thursday in a field at Oak Hill and McDonald avenues, called at the City Hospital yesterday to see her daughter. She told Doctor Nietert, superintendent of the hospital, that she would again receive her daughter into the house if ordered when the girl recovers. The young woman's condition was much improved yesterday, and the hospital doctors now think she will recover.

The girl adheres to the statement printed in The Republic yesterday that she was struck by a man a week ago Sunday, and that she had wandered about in fields and woods until she was found. Mrs. Neidel said that she was very sorry that her daughter had suffered so much, but that, if she had been severe to her daughter, she thought it was for the good of the girl.

The daughter herself desires nothing more than to be allowed to go home.

"I am sure that I shall never be able," said she yesterday, "to live without my home and relatives as I have done for the last six months. It was foolish of me to go away from parents, but I didn't know then what I know now. I have learned so much between the time I ran away and the time I became unconscious there in that field not two blocks from my mother's home. I wish I had never gotten well. I wanted to die, but as it is all I can hope for is to live quietly at home and work."

Going to Pan-American Exposition?

Look at schedule of Big Four Trains:
Lv. St. Louis 8:30 a. m., 12:00 noon, 8:06 p. m.
Ar. Buffalo 2:55 a. m., 6:18 a. m., 7:30 p. m.
Ar. New York 2:55 p. m., 6:30 p. m., 8:00 a. m.
Ar. Boston 4:55 p. m., 9:00 p. m., 10:34 a. m.
Ticket Office, Broadway and Chestnut.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH EUCHRE—St. Margaret's Catholic Church will give a lawn party and euchre Tuesday evening, July 30, at Vandeventer avenue and Flora boulevard. Refreshments will follow the dancing.

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WAR ON WEEDS TO BEGIN THIS WEEK.

Attorney Muench Proposes to Prosecute Those Who Let Herbage Grow on Their Property.

Cut your weeds or the health authorities will be after you.

Attorney Julius T. Muench, counsel for the Health Department, has a list of 150 persons who have permitted weeds on their vacant lots to grow, and he will begin proceedings against them in the police courts to-morrow and Tuesday. A fine of not less than $10 nor more than $100 will be imposed on all those found guilty of violating this ordinance.

Included in this list of persons who have not cut their weeds are many well-known persons and firms.

Oddly as it may seem, the district between McPherson and Page avenues from Vandeventer avenue to Union avenue is in the worst condition of any, so far as growing weeds are concerned, according to the health authorities' report to Mr. Muench. Even Cabanne has its weeds. Of course, not on the lawns in front of the fine residences of the beautiful district, but on the vacant lots.

Two dozen sanitary inspectors are engaged in getting evidence for the prosecution. Several fumigation officers are assisting, and Health Commissioner Starkloff has given them instructions to visit all parts of the city and whenever weeds are found to make a report.

The City Council decided recently that, under the ordinance notice through the daily papers, that all weeds left standing after July 15 would be the means of getting owners of the property into the police courts on a summons, is sufficient. Last year notices were sent to the property owners by the Health Department.

Judge Willis Clark of the Court of Criminal Correction recently decided a weed-cutting case, taken to his court on an appeal from the Police Court, in favor of the city. It was the case of Attorney Smith F. Gait, who defended the action against himself. He was summoned into Police Court and fined for neglecting to observe the ordinance. He appealed to the Court of Criminal Correction, but the lower court's decision was affirmed. Mr. Gait is preparing to carry the case to higher courts.

The ordinance was passed at the instigation of the Health Department. The theory of that department is that weeds allowed to grow and decay are not only a menace to the public health, but they are often used as a catch-all for refuse and garbage. In addition to this, from an aesthetic standpoint, they are regarded as unsightly, and Mr. Muench contends that property owners have no more right to allow weeds to grow on their lots or in front of them than they have to litter the streets with waste paper, tin cans, old shoes and worn-out washboilers.

"I have been instructed to prosecute these cases vigorously," said Mr. Muench yesterday, "and I shall do so, regardless of persons. Judge Clark has held that the ordinance is a proper exercise of the police power inherent in the city, and I believe his judgment will be sustained by all the higher courts."

FOUND AN EMPTY MAIL BAG.

Policeman's Discovery Led to an Investigation.

Post Office Inspector Dice's men are investigating the case of the empty mail bag found on the Wabash tracks near Euclid avenue early yesterday morning. Inspector John D. Sullivan, in charge of the office, stated yesterday that he does not believe the bag was st