

ROCK ALUM IN ITS GLORY

Gayety Follows Gayety Like the Waves of the Sea.

AN ELEGANT OLD PLACE

The Assembly of Fair Women Marked by Individual Beauty, Literary Celebrities.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROCKBRIDGE ALUM SPRINGS, July 30.—If the fabled deities of our Teutonic forefathers could look down as of old from the heights of ancient Asgard, the city of the gods, and renew their old-time interest in earthly affairs, the face of the beneficent Odin, the All-Father, would surely brighten into smiles at the beauty surrounding this famous resort.

"Like the swell of some sweet tune Morning rises into noon." This is indeed one of the finest of fine old places, nestling in a hollow of the mountains, enclosed in the embrace of "the everlasting hills," its numerous cottages and hotels being striking evidence of that care and attention unremittingly bestowed by the capable manager, Mr. J. W. Bell. Under the efficient management of this genial gentleman the machinery of social and domestic life moves like clock-work, smoothly and accurately, insuring comfort and satisfaction to all.

The medicinal springs of the Rock-bridge Alum are noted for their healthful and curative properties and have received from the medical fraternity of the country more liberal endorsement than those of any other resort. The water, comprising fifty acres, shaded by the four alum springs, varying in concentration, are a fine tonic and alterative, strongly anti-acid and anti-malarial, and wonderfully efficacious in the treatment of all diseases of the digestive and respiratory organs.

The magnesian sulphate water is admirably adapted to the relief of anemic debility and derangement of several important bodily functions, and contains some ingredients that are present in the famous European waters of Schwabach and Weisbaden.

Among the delightful company assembled here the large number of beautiful women is especially notable. Mrs. Sparks W. Melton, of Augusta, Ga., is both queenly and handsome. Mrs. Charles Lednum, a golden-haired beauty of New Orleans, is universally admired.

Mrs. J. P. Coburn, of New York, is a veritable sunbeam, always sparkling and gay, and always surrounded by a merry circle, of which she is the acknowledged center. Her costumes are visions of beauty, and she wears them with exquisite grace.

Mrs. Mayer, of Norfolk, and Miss Campbell, of Baltimore, are always accompanied by admirers and act as perfect foils to each other, the former being a lovely brunette with a perfect mouth, the latter a handsome blonde, who is vivaciously personified.

The Misses Waddell, of Richmond, are particularly pretty and attractive, and are great social favorites. Miss Nannie Waddell is especially dainty and sweet.

There are few women more keenly in appearance than Mrs. Jackson, who is here with her son. The latter is recuperating after an attack of fever contracted in the Philippines, and is endeavoring to discharge his duty to his country.

Thy personal attractions of Mrs. Benj. T. Nash, of Richmond, are too well known to require mention. Mrs. W. P. Gilmore and her sister, Miss Cobb, of Stamford, Conn., are acknowledged beauties.

Miss Katherine Melone, of Dallas, Tex., and Miss Edmondia Lawrence, of Washington, D. C., are two of the prettiest girls here.

But among so many beautiful women it is difficult to discriminate. Col. John Murphy, of Richmond, is here with his handsome wife. (The Colonel dearly loves his home city, and can never say too much in favor of it.)

LITERARY CELEBRITIES. Among the literary celebrities present are Dr. A. B. Johnson, of New York, editor of a well-known medical journal, and a writer of more than average ability. Every one knows James Branch Cabell, whose gifted pen has often delighted the magazine readers of this country.

This noted young author is endowed with a most striking personality and makes friends wherever he goes.

The resident physician is Dr. Gildersleeve, a man well known all over the country and eminent in his profession, ex-president and Hon. Fellow of the Medical Society of Virginia, and ex-president of the Association of Medical Officers of the Army and Navy of the Confederacy. Dr. Gildersleeve is a most interesting conversationalist and his racy anecdotes and witty quips afford much amusement to his friends.

Congeniality and enjoyment are the order of the day, and something interesting and pleasurable is always going on. In the morning tennis, golf and box-ball; in the evening cards, dancing, music and various other forms of entertainment. Two daily concerts are provided by the excellent orchestra, under the capable direction of Prof. A. Bellas. He also has charge of the magnificent ball-room.

A progressive dinner was tendered Miss Frances Campbell on the night of her arrival by Mr. Northrop, of New York. The appointments of the affair were extremely elegant. The menu included all the dainties of the season and choicest wines, beautiful favors were distributed among the fortunate guests. Toasts were drunk and the speeches sparkled with wit as the champagne sparkled in the glasses of the diners. Those composing the merry party were Mrs. Andrade, Mrs. Pope, Misses Campbell, Clark, Mayer, Schmidt, Messrs. Northrop, Atkinson, Johnston, Hurter and Cabell.

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OLD WHITE FOR ALL OF LIFE

Vice-Presidential Candidate to Hold Notification Meeting There.

WILL BE A BIG EVENT

Mr. Davis to Occupy the Presidential Cottage—Pleasures and Gayeties of Week!

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBRIER WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. VA., July 30.—The acceptance of Senator Davis, of West Virginia, the Democratic nominee for Vice-President of an invitation to visit the White Sulphur Springs and his intention of holding his notification meeting here on August 17, has aroused much interest among the guests here. Elaborate preparations are being made by the management for the event and the "President's Cottage" the spacious colonial building revered in ante-bellum days for the exclusive use of the President of the United States during their annual jaunt to the old White is being put in readiness for the occupancy of the distinguished guest and the gentlemen forming the nominating committee at the recent convention at St. Louis. Although no official program has been yet announced, the visit will be the occasion of a grand Democratic demonstration throughout this entire section.

TRAIN DISPATCHERS' MEET. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the present week, the Kanawha and Blue Ridge Dispatchers, embracing the most important traffic systems of the Middle, Southern and Western States, held their annual convention here.

The delegates included men prominent in railroad circles from nearly every section of the country, among them being F. M. Whitaker, Richmond, Va., freight traffic manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway; Thornton Lewis, Cincinnati, general manager of the Kanawha Dispatch; R. E. Vaughan, Cincinnati, general manager of the Blue Ridge Dispatch; H. A. Thorpe, New York, assistant traffic manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio; T. G. Beckley, New York, general Eastern agent of the Kanawha; E. C. Brown, New York, agent for Blue Ridge; W. D. Corfield, Philadelphia, general agent for Blue Ridge; Jas. Harris, Philadelphia agent for Kanawha; A. P. Gilbert, Richmond, Va., and W. T. Hite, Huntington, W. Va., assistant general freight agents for the Chesapeake and Ohio; Van T. Hunter, Baltimore, general agent for the Western Maryland Railroad; G. C. Hildt, Baltimore agent for Blue Ridge, and Capt. B. F. Stokes, Baltimore agent for Kanawha.

SEVEN HAND GAME. One of the most important entertainments of the week at the White was a seven handed euchre given on Wednesday evening by Mrs. George M. Davie, of Louisville, Ky. At the conclusion of the games several prizes were awarded, and a collation served. Among those present were Mrs. Joseph H. Hildt, Van T. Hunter, Ga.; Mrs. Henry S. Foote, San Francisco; Mrs. William Bingham, New York; Mrs. Foster Thomas, Louisville; Mrs. Goff, West Virginia; Mrs. McEwen Johnston, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Chard, Washington and Mrs. Ralph Elton, Savannah.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. John Carey, of Baltimore, invited a few ladies to her cottage for an informal tea with readings by Miss Agnes Herne Donaldson, of New York. The guests included Mrs. N. H. Morrison, Mrs. John G. Gill, Mrs. Alexander Preston, Baltimore; Mrs. Walter Ebbs, Washington; the Misses Ward, Norfolk, Va.; Miss Woods, Charlottesville; Miss Branch, Richmond; and Mrs. William Brigham, New York.

CARD PARTY AND SUPPER. On Tuesday evening Mr. M. O. Brooke, of Richmond, gave a supper, after a small card party. Among his guests were Miss Mary Van Lear Smailly, Miss Mary Lemmon, Miss Eliza Whyte and Miss Mabel Paine, all of Baltimore; Miss Sophie White, Richmond; Miss Elliot, Savannah, Ga.; and Mr. Garvin Thomas, Louisville.

The flowers at the White this season are under the management of Mr. M. A. Catlin, for years the leading florist of Richmond. The cottages and grounds are brilliant with blooming plants, and the place will under his careful supervision be the most choice cut flowers are procurable by the guests at the springs.

Judge J. F. Crocker, of Portsmouth, Va., who is one of the most popular of the regular habitués of the White, has accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Archer Atkinson, formerly of Baltimore, but who now makes her home with the judge in Portsmouth, Va.

The Rev. Lucien Braz Kinross, Bishop of Southern Brazil, with Mrs. Kinross and the latter's niece, Miss Crawford, of Seminary, Va., is spending a week at the White where the Bishop will preach in the Episcopal Chapel on the coming Sunday.

A very charming recent addition to the cottage colony of the White is Mrs. D. F. Williams, of Richmond. Miss Sophie White, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. N. H. Morrison, of Baltimore, at her cottage at the White, so as to see the very attractive bolles of the season.

Among other recent arrivals are Barton H. Grundy, Edw. T. Jones, E. D. Hotchkiss, O. D. Jones, Thos. M. B. Adams, Miss Edith Dorrain, Chas. G. Wortham, Jr., M. C. Brooks, Mrs. W. H. Perkins, M. O. Brooks, Mrs. W. George Ross, all of Richmond, Va.; M. J. Holt, Wakefield, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hornthal, E. D. Taylor, S. W. Pamlico, Norfolk, Va.; Bartlett Roper, Jr., Petersburg, Va.; Miss Mary Taylor, of Petersburg, Va.; Mrs. W. B. Graham, W. R. Fitzgibbon, Danville, Va.; W. O. Holland, Logan, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Conant, Havana, Cuba.

Amende Honorable.

Alec and Jo—Amende honorable was a form of punishment that originated in France in the ninth century. It was inflicted upon murderers, traitors and sacrilegious persons. The culprit was delivered into the hands of the hangman, who was placed around his neck; a halter was placed around his neck, and a lighted torch was held in his hand. He was then taken to a court, and then made to ask pardon of God, the king and the country. Death, or death or banishment, was the result.

As the phrase is now used it refers to any apology or reparation made to an injured person.

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