

KENTUCKY

ENTERTAINED IN WASHINGTON

NOTES OF INTEREST HERE FROM MRS. AYRES—WEEKLY LETTER.

Mrs. Daisy Fitzhugh Ayres, writing from Washington to the Courier-Journal, has the following notes that will be of interest to friends in Frankfort.

Naval Sponsors' Reunion.

The most unique incident of the week in Washington has been the first annual reunion of the American Society of Naval Sponsors, composed of a large proportion of young women who have enjoyed the distinction of christening one of Uncle Sam's great battleships. Out of the 175 women who have been so complimented, not many more than two score, however, have joined the permanent organization. Miss Annie Keith Frazier, the beautiful young daughter of the Senator from Tennessee, was one of the chief promoters of the scheme. She herself was sponsor for Tennessee. Mrs. John G. South, then Miss Christine Bradley, daughter of the Governor of Kentucky, christened the battleship Kentucky with water from the spring on Lincoln's home in Larue county. These young ladies are prominent this week in the many social functions incident upon the unique reunion. The organization occurred on Wednesday at the New Willard. The delegates were all received personally by the President and were present at the White House reception this past week.

Mrs. South and Mrs. Cox.

By long odds the most feted Kentuckians in Washington for a week have been that brace of Frankfort beauties, Mrs. John G. South and Miss Roberta Stockton Cox, here for the celebration of the battleship sponsors. They stopped at the Willard and every single hour almost of their stay was marked by some gay social engagement. Senator Paynter gave the young ladies a luncheon in the Senate cafe of the Capitol, with Senator Guggenheim, one of the richest men in America, as a guest. Mr. Jas. Harvey Gorman, formerly of Frankfort, entertained at dinner in their honor in the palm room of the Willard.

Former Congressman South Trimble gave a box party to them at which some of the guests were Mr. John C. C. Mayo, of Paintsville; Mr. Dorman, Representative Slemo, of Big Stone Gap. Mr. Mayo was host at supper at the New Willard in compliment to the Frankfort ladies. Representative Slemo gave them a luncheon at the Capitol. There were present at an afternoon tea given by the wife and daughter of Senator Frazier in compliment to the battleship sponsors, and at the reception at the White House, as well as at a theatre party Wednesday night, given by Miss Mary Campbell, of Birmingham, sponsor for the Alabama, to see Fritz Scheff in "Mlle Modiste." They were belles at the students' ball at the New Willard on Friday night; and on two consecutive Saturdays they attended brilliant balls at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. And all this is a mere beginning. Their telephone was seldom silent, so greatly in demand have been these two most attractive young women from the most attractive State.

A Beauty From Kentucky.

One of the Washington beauties is Miss Diana Ireland Norton, of proud old Kentucky stock, granddaughter of the late eminent jurist, Judge Ireland, of Ashland. Miss Norton can sing as beautifully as she can look, and a song recital by the fair Kentuckian was one of the important artistic and social events of the week. The young chanteuse has a rich and flexible soprano voice, highly cultivated. She rendered a collection of difficult numbers with skill and grace. Among the patrons of the interesting occasion were Senator McCreary, Mrs. Sam Ireland, Governor and Mrs. J. C. S. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wickersham, Senator and Mrs. Paynter, Justice and Mrs. Harlan, Mrs. Conrad Lyne, Mr. O. O. Stealey, all from Kentucky.

Miss Kate Campbell, of Nicholasville, home guest of Dr. and Mrs. George Vaughan, received with her hostess at a handsome tea. Among the Kentucky guests were Mrs. Conrad H. Syme, once Miss Forsythe, of Harrodsburg; Mrs. Edwin L. Price and Miss Price.

Mrs. Eastin in Washington.

One of the notable visitors to Washington is Mrs. George B. Eastin, of Louisville, who is on her annual sojourn at the Arlington. Mrs. Eastin gave a smartly-appointed luncheon in compliment to her intimate friend, Mrs. George M. Pfallman, of Chicago. Mrs. Montgomery Wright, of Louis-

ville, was in the company. Mrs. Eastin attended a luncheon given by Mrs. Sham Hornsby and her daughter, Mrs. Evans. She has been entertained by Baron and Baroness von Sternberg at the German embassy.

Miss Nannie Barbee, of Danville, gave a delightful negro dialect reading at Chevy Chase this week. She has been in flattering demand during her sojourn here. Miss Barbee has been the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Chandler, U. S. A.

Blackburns At Shonts Wedding.

Gov. and Mrs. Blackburn attended the wedding of Miss Shonts to the Duc de Chalnes. Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Hodges gave a delightful dinner in honor of Gov. and Mrs. Blackburn.

Mrs. M. A. Bayless, of Augusta, Ky., is enjoying the social diversions of Washington. She assisted the wife of Representative Beale at the latter's reception this week.

Dinner To the Blackburns.

Distinctly the cleverest and most unique dinner of the season was given in honor of Gov. and Mrs. J. C. S. Blackburn, of Panama, by Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Berryman at their cosy home on Erie street. Mr. Berryman and the ex-Senator from the same "neck of the woods" in Woodford county have been friends throughout all the life of the younger man. Mr. Berryman as a lad of seventeen came to Washington from Kentucky and began the drawing of his national fame with his wonderful pencil, under the auspices of Senator Blackburn. The dinner was a pictorial gastronomic and social triumph of most original conceit, with decorations aesthetically significant. A completed Panama Canal wound its serpentine way across the table, formed by mirrors, bordered with palms, mosses and tropical blossoms. American and Panama flags floated together in triumph. At one end of the table "My Old Kentucky Home" loomed picturesquely, a miniature log cabin, with old-time darkies sitting outside, banjos, turkeys and coonskins giving a realistic touch. Favors for the guests were tiny picks and shovels at each cover, suggestive of the digging of the big ditch. Mrs. Berryman, a most cordial hostess, was handsome in a gown of white silk. Mrs. Blackburn wore white lace and some of her unique trinkets acquired in Panama. Conversation was of the most brilliant. Among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berryman were Senator and Mrs. Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rapley, formerly of Louisville; Mr. and Mrs. William N. Stewart and Miss Yateman.

Recent Visitors.

Recent Kentuckians here have been Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. William Heyburn, R. D. Warfield, M. V. Hollinsworth, R. C. Shelby, N. B. Thompson, ex-Mayor Todd, John W. Vreeland, all of Louisville; Miss Carr, Newport; Miss Louise Todd, Fort Thomas; C. K. Wheeler, O. L. Gregory, O. S. Thomas, all of Paducah; P. P. Johnston, George D. Karsner, William L. Alcombree, J. H. Rutherford, all from Lexington; Arthur Rouse, of Burlington; G. W. Cobb, ex-Congressman, South Trimble, of Frankfort.

LIBEL BILL

Passed in Senate Monday By a Vote Of 32 To 3.

The Cureton bill, changing the code of practice in libel actions so that libel suits brought against newspapers must be brought in the county where the paper is published, the county where plaintiff resides or in the county where the alleged transaction took place. Senator Cureton explained the injustice now placed on newspapers by the present libel law. The bill was passed by a vote of 32 to 3. Those who voted against the bill were Senators J. P. Chinn, H. S. Maxwell and L. C. Nell.

TO PREPARE MEMORIAL ON LIFE AND CHARACTER OF VICTOR F. BRADLEY.

At a meeting of the members of the Scott county bar and the officers of the Circuit and County Courts held in the office of the Clerk of the Scott Circuit Court at Georgetown Monday afternoon, the following proceedings were held: Judge Jas. F. Askew was elected chairman of the meeting and Circuit Clerk Geo. S. Robinson, secretary. A committee consisting of Judge Jas. F. Askew, R. E. Roberts, B. M. Lee and J. M. Ford were appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Hon. Victor F. Bradley. The committee reported the following resolutions:

Whereas: We have heard, with poignant grief that Hon. Victor F. Bradley, died at his home in this city on Sunday evening, February 23rd, 1908, about 10 o'clock p. m., after a brief illness of pneumonia. Be it resolved that the chair appoint a committee of four members, to prepare a suitable memorial of the life and character of Mr. Bradley and present the same on the first day of the May term 1908 of the Scott Circuit Court and have the same spread on the order book of this court.

Second: That the members of the bar and the officers of the Circuit and County Courts attend the funeral in a body.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted. The chair appointed Judge Bradley and Hon. R. B. Franklin a committee to draft the memorial.

MUCH INTEREST

Manifested Here in Recent Nominations For Representative in Mason County.

As might be supposed, great interest was manifested here in the nominations made at Maysville for Representative in the Legislature to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Virgil McKnight, of Mason county. Both S. A. Shanklin, the Democratic nominee, and Charles Degman, named by the Republicans, are known in Frankfort. It is said by friends of Mr. Shanklin that he has been a strong anti-Beckham man, but his nomination is also said to be acceptable to Gov. Beckham and his lieutenants. It is conceded by Republicans here familiar with the situation that the nomination of Degman is a very weak one, and that there were many others who could have made a better race in that Democratic stronghold. An interesting feature of Mr. Shanklin's nomination is that in the event of his election there would be two sets of brothers in the lower branch of the Legislature. He is a brother of J. T. Shanklin, present Republican Representative from Fleming county. The two brothers now members of the House are J. W. Berkshire, of Boone county, and P. W. Berkshire, of Daviess county. Both are Democrats and deskmates.

EXECUTIVE

Committee Of The State Bar Association Met Here Wednesday.

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky State Bar Association held a meeting here Wednesday to consider the lawlessness which now prevails in Kentucky and to try to bring about some change for the better. The Law Reform Committee was instructed to look into and urge the passage of such laws as may tend to stop the present conditions in the tobacco sections of the State. The following members of the committee were present: T. Kennedy Hem, R. A. McDowell, John B. Baskin, D. L. Thornton, L. C. Willis, C. W. Metcalf, S. D.

Be it resolved that the members of the committee of the bar association explore the situation existing in Kentucky about by the tobacco situation and urge its members to use every effort to prevent and remedy wrongs resulting therefrom, and the Law Reform Committee of this association is directed to meet and consider and urge the passage of any measure before the General Assembly which will, in its judgment, tend to remedy and remove this condition of affairs.

Several bills have been introduced in which the bar association is interested, but the Law Reform Committee has not yet decided on a bill which will cure the troubles in the tobacco growing districts of the State.

What's In McClure's?

The March McClure's leads off with an article on Governor Hughes by Burton J. Hendrick. "People know so little about him," has been the universal complaint, and Mr. Hendrick's article is a most timely turning on of the light. Ellen Terry's monthly contribution is a chapter called "Memories of Booth and Sarah Burnhardt" in which many other famous one figure besides the great American actor and the ethereal "Miss Sarah." General Pickett's widow in a charmingly intimate article, "My Soldier," recalls the part played by the gallant Confederate general in the Civil War. Georgine Milimine, in Chapter XI of Mrs. Eddy's Life, tells of the founding of the Mother Church and the adoption of a son. Mrs. Eddy has reached the age of seventy in this narrative, but her extraordinary life seems to gain flavor with age. "The Cost of Living," by George Kennan, is the history of an institution which seems to have solved one of the most important problems which confront the average man. Besides Mary Stewart Cutting's serial there is the usual variety of fiction. Lucy Pratt's "Ezekiel" figures in a new story. There is a characteristic story by James Hopper, "The Hate that Saved." "The Clanging Hours," by Grace MacGowan Cooke and Caroline Wood Morrison, "The Bank Clerks' Tale," by Chalncy Thomas, "Emmelinae," by Fielding Ball, "For All There Was In It" by Austin Adams, "How Jones Earned the V. C.," by Edward Johnstone. Contributors of verse include Florence Wilkinson, A. E. Housman, Floyd Dell, and Ruthello Anshutz. There is a cover and an illustration by Ivanowski, a striking portrait from Life of Governor Hughes by George T. Tobin and illustrations by Eric Pape, Frederick Rorr Steele, Blendon Campbell and others.

RICHMOND

Is Added To The Bluegrass League, Which Bids Fair To Have a Prosperous Season.

At a meeting held in Lexington Sunday night by representatives of the Bluegrass League, Richmond was added, and makes the sixth in number of that organization. By-laws for the league were adopted, and a resolution passed for binding a member of a team in the league from jumping to another team during the season.

The schedule of games for the season had been prepared, but owing to the addition of Richmond this will have to be revised, and it will be announced at the next meeting, which will be held at Lawrenceburg Sunday, March 8. The various clubs had the following representatives at the meeting last night: Frankfort, Messrs. Wm. J. Kennedy and E. G. Nell; Lexington, Messrs. Feiber and Sheets; Lawrenceburg, Messrs. Searcy, G. C. Huffman and M. C. Crane; Shelbyville, M. J. Brown; Versailles, Messrs. Meek and Reid; Richmond, M. C. Kelly.

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