

# Social and Personal

*Return of the President Signal for Early Opening of the Informal Season—Miss Merriam Bride of Mr. Wheelwright.*

**T**HE return to Washington next Wednesday of the President will complete the family circle at the Executive Mansion and probably be the signal for a number of informal entertainments.

Since the departure of the President for the South, Mrs. Roosevelt has only entertained quietly family parties, but during the visit to Washington of the Lord Bishop of London a number of most delightful functions were given in his honor. The dinner at the White House following the tennis game which has since become of almost international fame was in every particular a most enjoyable affair. The bishop, who is of a genial disposition, entered into the spirit of bantering with which the game was discussed afterward, but by no strategy could he be tricked into acknowledging himself victorious in the contest.

In Cabinet circles there is really little of interest going on. With the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft in the Orient and the Vice President's family still out of town, the circle is by no means complete.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root, however, returned from Mexico yesterday, and plans for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Edith Root, to Lieut. U. S. Grant, third, will shortly be given out. Mrs. Cortelyou returned to Washington Thursday from Huntington, Long Island, where, with her family, she spent the summer. Miss Hinds accompanied the Secretary of the Treasury and her sister, and the two little girls of the family, have resumed their studies in this city, while their brothers are again at boarding school.

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Straus, who have been in the city for several weeks, made a short trip to New York last week, but are again in their residence. The Attorney General and Mrs. Bonaparte will remain at their country place near Baltimore, and Secretary and Mrs. Garfield are devoting their spare time to the establishment of their household for the winter.

In the diplomatic world there is some activity, and to-day the staff of the French Embassy will be entirely returned to Washington, except the military attaché, Capt. Fournier, who is at present traveling in Mexico. The German Ambassador and the Baroness von Sternberg are still at the embassy, their little trip to Spring Lake, which was planned for last week, having been postponed. An interesting addition to the diplomatic corps in the person of Mehmet Ali Bey is the new Turkish Ambassador, who has arrived in Washington and is awaiting the return of the President to present his credentials.

The Ambassador has a wife and five children with him, as well as his sister-in-law, and the coterie forms a very picturesque group at the Ebbitt House, where they are making their home at present. Baroness Rosen and the Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, wife and daughter of the Ambassador from Russia, expect to sail from New York, November 5, for Europe, where the Baroness Elizabeth will be presented at court at St. Petersburg, and after a stay of several weeks will return to this country and take her place as a debutante in society in Washington. As yet none of the other large embassies have been opened, and it will be well into November before the entire diplomatic corps is in the city.

Interest this week centers in the approaching marriage of Miss Catherine Culion Ridgely, daughter of the Comptroller of the Currency, to Mr. Phelps Brown, which will take place Thursday, and the entertainments in honor of the wedding party will be started to-morrow evening with a dinner at the residence of the bride's grandparents, Senator and Mrs. Shelby M. Cullom, in Highland Terrace, which will be the first of many merry gatherings.

## WEDDINGS.

The season of autumn weddings in the smart set of Washington was inaugurated yesterday afternoon when Miss Isabel Merriam, daughter of the former governor of Minnesota, and Director of the Census in Washington, was married to Mr. John Tyler Wheelwright, of Boston. The ceremony took place at 4 o'clock, in the presence of a small but representative assemblage of Washington resident society. The quantities of white chrysanthemums against a background of palms filled the chancel and decorated the altar. The bride, a very handsome young woman, looked most imposing in her bridal array of heavy white satin, made princess. The bodice was draped with duchesse lace which was worn by her mother on her wedding gown, the same duchesse lace forming the jumper under the kimono effect of the sleeves. The filmy folds of a tulle veil enveloped her figure and fell to the hem of the long court train. In her hand was a white prayer book. She walked to the chancel alone, preceded by Miss Laura Merriam as maid-of-honor, and they were met at the chancel by the bridegroom and his brother, who was his best man, Mr. Edmund Wheelwright, together with the six ushers—Mr. A. W. Longfellow, Mr. Thomas Frothingham, Mr. Edward Brooks, and Mr. Francis Peabody, of Boston; Mr. James C. Bishop, of New York; Mr. Ritchie Simpkins, Paymaster John Merriam, U. S. N., and Mr. William B. Merriam, brother of the bride.

The maid-of-honor was prettily gowned in a smart suit of white cloth, with plumed hat trimmed with plumes, and a marabout muff.

Mr. William Rush Merriam, the father of the bride, occupied a front pew, with Mrs. Merriam, and at the part of the service, where the officiating clergymen asked, "Who gives this woman in marriage?" he stepped forward and gave his daughter's hand to Mr. Wheelwright.

Only the immediate friends of the family were present at the ceremony, the congregation consisting of the old residential set of the Capital. A wedding reception followed at the home of the bride's Sixteenth street residence being appropriately decorated with the autumn flowers, chrysanthemums.

During her father's term of office here, the bride held a prominent place in Capital society, not only on account of his position, but likewise for her own sake, her personality winning many friends. After an absence of some years, Mr. Merriam and his family returned here last fall, and Miss Merriam's engagement to Mr. Wheelwright was announced at the Country Club last spring. Mr. Wheelwright is a graduate of Harvard and a member of one of Boston's most exclusive families. He is a member of the leading clubs of that city. After a wedding journey they will make their home in Boston.

The wedding of Miss Kittle Maddux, daughter of the late Col. Franklin Webb

from Montana. Miss Terry's father is head of the department of physics and chemistry at the Academy.

## PERSONALS.

Gen. Crosby Miller, U. S. A., and Mrs. Miller are at The Cairo for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Acker and Miss Nelle Acker have returned to Washington from Basic City, Va., where they spent the summer.

Col. John L. Pearcey has as his guests Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Pearcey, of Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. E. L. Coon and Miss Coon, who have spent the summer in Europe, have returned to Washington, and are occupying their apartment at The Highlands.

Mrs. Clifford Walton has returned to the city, after spending the summer at Bass Rocks, Mass. She will be joined by Mr. Walton, who is now camping in the gold fields of Nevada, the first of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Simpkins will sail for Europe very shortly for a stay of one month.

Gen. and Mrs. Gillespie sailed from Cherbourg for home to-day, after spending the summer in Europe.

Admiral Holliday closed his house in Connecticut avenue yesterday and left Washington for a trip of several months in California and along the Pacific Coast. Mrs. Holliday will come to the city about November 1.

Rear Admiral William Sheffield Cowles left Washington the latter part of the week to join Mrs. Cowles at their summer place at Farmington, Conn.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Gheen, and Miss Gheen have returned to Washington and opened their home, on New Hampshire avenue, for the winter, after spending the summer at Newport.

Mrs. Dunn McKee, who has been spending the summer at Nome, has now joined her mother, Mrs. Bates, now the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. David R. McKee. In her home on Rhode Island avenue, Mrs. Bates will probably return to Europe.

The Imperial Pleasure Club gave the first dance of the season on Monday evening at the Saengerbund Hall. The

## AN EARLY OCTOBER BRIDAL COUPLE.



Mr. John Day Green.



Mrs. John Day Green, Mrs. Tansill.

Washington early in the week and John Gen. Bates in their apartment in the Connecticut.

Mrs. Richard Stewart Hooker entertained at dinner Thursday evening complimentary to her sister, Mrs. Leonard Wood, who is her guest until November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Myers have returned to Washington after an extended trip in the South. They went as far South as Fort Worth, Tex., and spent some time at Hot Springs, Ark.

Among the passengers sailing on the steamship Kong Albert, of the North German Lloyd Line, yesterday, from New York for Genoa, via Gibraltar and Naples, are the following from Washington: Miss A. Rabbit, Miss Yona S. S., and Miss Umo Tsuda.

Mrs. Ethel P. Veale, of 1939 Vermont avenue, is spending three days at the homecoming in Baltimore, as guest of Mrs. Harvey Ellis.

Mrs. Brawner gave a luncheon yesterday at the Sign of the Fox to the Alumnae Association of the Lake Erie College to meet Mrs. Louise Porte Smith, who is a trustee of the college. The round table was decorated in the college colors of green and white, and the assembly of guests represented classes from the year 1865 to 1900. Plans were discussed for the arrangement of a jubilee celebration, and other matters were gone over in a business way. Among the women were Mrs. F. N. Smith, Mrs. J. T. Hodder, Mrs. L. V. Smith, Mrs. E. J. M. Clements, Mrs. Marcus Baker, Mrs. F. W. Ashley, Clara G. Brewer, Mary A. Brewer, Mrs. Harriet B. McCullough, Emma M. Gillett, Mrs. A. B. Bushnell, and Miss R. E. Hoyt.

Mrs. Charles Greyson Dulin has returned to her home on Sixteenth street, after an absence of four months.

A reception will be held at the residence on Capitol Hill of Mrs. Helen Nelson-Dooey Wednesday, October 23, from 2 until 4 o'clock, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Mary Nelson-Witthier, of Chicago, to meet the members of the March Burns Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Watson have taken a house, 2020 Hillery place, for the winter.

Mrs. Francis Loring, who has spent the summer in New England, has joined her husband and daughter at their residence in K street.

Miss Annie Lawson, of Capitol Hill, has returned from her summer vacation to Southwestern Virginia.

The Greater Washington Band will hold its weekly dance Tuesday evening, at Eagles' Hall, Ninth and E streets, beginning at 9 o'clock. This will be the third of these very enjoyable affairs. Mr. John Bovello, as leader of the band, will have music furnished by augmented orchestra.

Miss Mae Campbell, of Chatham Hill, Va., is visiting with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson and Mr. Henry Campbell, of 209 Seventh street northeast. She will remain for several weeks.

Judge and Mrs. Payne and their niece, Miss Mabel Kent, who passed the summer at their cottage at Newport, have returned to their home, in Massachusetts Avenue.

An enjoyable birthday party took place at the residence of Mrs. E. F. Dougherty, Nicholson street, Twining City, Tuesday evening, in honor of the birthdays of her two daughters, Miss Ethel Bellona.

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Dougherty, and Miss Blanche Irene Dougherty. Autumn leaves made a pretty decoration. Aside from the games and other amusements, there were several excellent piano selections, rendered by Miss Eva Passagano and Miss Jennie Hiatt, and Miss Nellie Howard sang some very pretty songs. The opening of the birthday cake occasioned much merriment, among those present were Misses Margaret Scott, Clara Day, Margaret Steele, Martha Steele, Clara Steele, Clara Shidman, Minnie Hiatt, Jennie Hiatt, Lillian Hiatt, Cora Hiatt, Ethel Howard, Nettie Howard, Susie Speden, and Margaret Speden; Messrs. Paul Passagano, Sylvester Passagano, Paul Scott, Harry Scott, George Howard, Frank Berry, Irwin Howard, Ernest Lohman, Charles Steele, Richard Dougherty, Daniel Berry; and Mrs. Fannie Hiatt, Mrs. Anna Juscro, Mrs. Ida Rawlings, and Mrs. Edward Hiatt, and Mr. J. Clinton Hiatt.

Mr. E. Newberger, of Chicago, was a recent visitor to the city.

Mrs. June Heyman and children, of Augusta, Ga., are the guests of Mr. H. Strasburger and family, of H street.

Mrs. Mary E. Shaw, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Julian A. Lounsbury, at their home in Cleveland Park, has returned to her home at Albany, N. Y.

Mr. Joseph Herzog, who has spent the past two months abroad, sailed from London on October 12, and will spend a few days in New York before returning home.

March Burns Chapter, D. A. R., held the first meeting of the season October 16, at the home of the historian, Mrs. Charles M. Pepper, Mrs. Ellis Logan, regent in the chair. Twenty-seven new members were admitted. Upon roll-call each member present responded with reminiscences of her summer. Miss Elizabeth Noyes Dowell, just returned from Europe, gave a delightful account of her trip to Gibraltar and trip through Italy. Mrs. Pleasant T. Chapman told about the trip down the Mississippi with the President. Vice President Mrs. Redwood Vandegrift gave a resume of her summer at Atlantic City, and was followed by others who visited near-by resorts. After refreshments an interesting hour was spent among the curios and souvenirs of travel displayed by Mr. and Mrs. Pepper and daughter.

The Saturday night whist parties at the Mercantile Club, which proved so popular last season, were resumed again last evening and will be continued throughout the social season.

The Sunday Evening Whist Club held its first meeting of the season at the residence of Mrs. Sam Augustein. The prizes were won by Mrs. Clara Breslau, Mrs. Morris Gudorf, and Mrs. Sol Breslau.

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Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 19.—The members of the Harvard football squad were the guests of honor to-night at a hop given by the midshipmen at the Naval Academy.

A large number of girls from Washington, Baltimore, and other near-by cities attended, having come to Annapolis to witness the football game also.

## ALEXANDRIA.

Mrs. George Uhler and his daughter, Miss Rebecca, have returned from Mount Jackson, where they spent several weeks.

Mrs. C. W. Howell and Miss Hattie Creighton are at the Inside Inn, Jamestown, Va.

Mr. W. A. Moncure, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Robinson Moncure, of this city, spent several days as the guests of their father, Mr. Thomas Moncure, in Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Piser, of Shusan, N. Y., are visiting Mr. W. A. Moore, Jr.

Mrs. C. C. Shriner, of Baltimore, was the guest during the week of Mrs. T. M. Jones.

Mr. Philip Tennessen, who has been in Asheville, N. C., for several weeks, has returned, much improved in health.

Mrs. Cora L. Wheatley left Tuesday for Baltimore and Philadelphia for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Justice Schneider have returned from the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. E. S. Evans, formerly of this city, but now of New York, was in this city Tuesday on a visit to his father, Mr. F. R. Evans, on his way to Panama, where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. Philip Knox, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Knox are the guests of Mrs. Knox's grandfather, Maj. Eli H. Janney, on Seminary Hill.

Mrs. O. P. Angelo and Miss Rosa L. Sherwood have gone to the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. Jones Marshall, of Norfolk, and Dr. Llewellyn Powell, of this city, left Thursday evening for a few days at Jamestown, Mr. Marshall, while here, was the guest of Dr. Powell.

Mrs. Albert Brockett and her mother, Mrs. James Nourse, of Washington, have gone to Jamestown.

Mrs. Oscar Carter has left for East Orange, N. J., where she was called by the illness of her mother.

Mr. Benjamin Bagot and Miss Bessie Russell spent Sunday with Miss Mora Fowler near Charleston.

Mrs. Charles R. Collins, the guest of relatives at New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kalfa and son were the guests of relatives in Baltimore for a few days.

An interesting event of last Tuesday evening was the reception given to Mr.

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