

STAR SETTING

Newport Set Reviving Fad For Bicycle

Newport has taken to wheeling again, and the bicycle promises to become as popular once more as it was in the days when James J. Van Allen introduced the craze for it among the summer colony and brought Prof. Ike Johnson there to instruct his friends in its mysteries.

Mrs. Egerton L. Winthrop, jr., came to the Casino on her wheel attired in a most fetching costume, and was at once the object of interest to all women of her acquaintance who flocked around her and fairly deluged her with questions regarding its health-acquiring and flesh-reducing possibilities.

Mrs. I. Townsend Burden, in addition to her regular training course, has also taken to bicycling, and frequently goes for long rides on her wheel.

While there is still much safety in Newport, in the way of luncheons and dinners, much time is being devoted just now to rest cures and to health restoring exercises, such as cross country riding, tennis, golf, and bathing.

There were predictions that bridge whist would cease to be popular this season, but evidently its clutch will be as strong as ever, if we were to take London as a guide. The prospect is for bridge, bridge, and yet more bridge at receptions and dinners.

Mrs. Hilborne Roosevelt and her daughter, Miss Dorothy Roosevelt, whose marriage to Langdon Geer will take place in New York, October 5, will return to New York early next week from Seabright, where they have been spending the summer.

Senator Nelson W. Aldrich entertained at luncheon yesterday at his country place at Warwick, taking his guests up on his steam yacht, Saghaya. Among those in the party were Senator George Peabody Watson, George B. DeForest, Major Edmund J. Curley, Robert Sedgwick, Herbert C. Pell, Nathaniel Ives, Augustus Jay, and Robert Lewis Gammon.

Mrs. John Paterson Duncan, of New York, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Jeanie B. Duncan, to Ottomar H. Van Norden, also of New York. Miss Duncan is a sister of Mrs. Walter Watson, jr., and of Stuart Duncan, who married Miss Jermain Stoddard. Mr. Van Norden is a son of Warner Van Norden, of New York. No date has yet been set for the wedding.

The marriage of Mrs. Mary Clark Groome and Clarence Kenyon, jr., took place today in Sherry's, New York city. Mr. Kenyon will take his bride for a European bridal trip.

The bride, who is an exceedingly handsome woman, is the daughter of the late James W. Groome, of Hartford, Conn., and is also well known in Suffolk and Fort Monroe. She is related to the Mason, Whitfield, and Page families of Virginia.

Harry Montgomery has returned to his home in Washington, after a month's vacation spent at Richmond, Virginia Beach, and the Jamestown Exposition.

The Alpha Kappa Sigma Club, of Takoma Park, was entertained at the home of the president, Henry C. Clark, last evening. A club pin was selected, and it was decided to have an associate membership for members who are away from the club during the winter.

President Clark presented to Miss Katie White, in behalf of the club, a handsome ring. A club pin with the club letters were engraved, in token of the enjoyable connection which Miss White has had with the club.

After refreshments, the club spent the remainder of the evening by playing games and telling stories. Among those present were Misses Clark, Gray, Kelly, Elizabeth Watkins, Katie White, Katherine Whitmer, and Henry Clark. Misses Clark, James H. Adams, and J. Bond Smith.

The wedding of Miss Mamie Chapelle, of Delaplaine, Va., and Charles Peyton Greyer will take place the first week in October, in the home of the bride's parents in Delaplaine.

Mrs. Lucy B. Hickox announces the marriage of her daughter, Grace Evelyn, to Alexander James Morris. The ceremony took place on September 10, in the rectory of Christ Episcopal Church, in Rockville, Md., the rector, the Rev. Thomas J. Packard, officiating.

The Dowager Duchess of Manchester has arrived at Newport, as the guest of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt at Belmont. She went up from New York yesterday on the flagship North Star, with Commodore Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills, and several others.

The minister from Argentina, Senor Don Cipriano de Rivas, who has been spending the summer in Canada with his family, will return to the legation Sunday, and after a few days here will go to Mexico with his son, Senor Julian Rivas. They will not return to Washington until about November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaufman, of 218 M street northwest, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carry, to Abe Jacoby, of Washington, at home.

Mrs. Edward J. Stellwagen has returned to Washington from Poland Springs, where she has been spending the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice D. Rosenberg, with their niece, Miss Edith Auerbach and daughter, Aubrey, have been spending the last fortnight at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kann have returned to their home in Belmont, after spending some time at Catonsville, Md., at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Kann.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Nordlinger and family have returned to their home, after spending the summer at East Falls Church, Va.

Harry King and family are again at their home here, after spending the past two months at Atlantic City.

Miss Rita Wolfmeyer, of Streator, Ill., who has divided the summer between Atlantic City and Far Rockaway, L. I., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney H. Reizenstein at the Dupont.

Miss Lena Strauss has returned to town from a six weeks' stay at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kohner and family are spending a few days with relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Amelia Wolf has returned to town after a trip to the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Baumgarten have returned from a short visit to Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Lewis and family, who spent the summer at Galtersburg, Md., have returned to town.

MRS. WILSON GIVES DELIGHTFUL RECITAL



MRS. W. L. WILSON, Who Gave a Delightful Song Recital at Mrs. Oldberg's Studio.

Former Washington Woman Stops Here on Way to New York—Voice Shows Marked Improvement and Wide Range.

Mrs. W. L. Wilson, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of this city, who is the guest of Miss Grossart this week on her way to her winter's work in New York, gave a short song recital in the studio of Mrs. Oldberg in the Belasco Theater yesterday morning. She has not been heard in Washington for some years, and her improvement in singing is marked.

Her voice, always a promising one, has developed remarkably and is now a mellow, rich dramatic soprano of surprising range and power.

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Cards Are Out For Wedding Of Miss Lee

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Virginia Lee, daughter of Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, to Lieut. John Carter Montgomery, Seventh Cavalry, U. S. A., the wedding to take place Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p. m., in Christ Church, Alexandria.

Lieutenant Montgomery is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. Miss Lee, who is the youngest of the Lee family, will be the third daughter of the house to marry into the Seventh Cavalry. Lieut. Fitzhugh Lee, the son of the house, is also an officer of that regiment.

Mrs. Lee's two other daughters are Mrs. Rhea, formerly Miss Ellen Lee, wife of Captain Rhea, now at Fort Leavenworth, and Mrs. Lewis Brown, formerly Miss Anne Fitzhugh Lee, wife of Lieut. Lewis Brown, now at Fort Riley.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. John C. Loud, of Washington, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Helen Loud, to Francis Fleming Longley, also of Washington. The wedding will take place Wednesday, September 25, at Fort Snelling, Minn., where Miss Loud has been spending the summer with her parents and her brother, Lieut. James M. Loud, who is stationed there.

The bride has a number of friends in the army and navy circles of Washington, where she made her debut a couple of years ago. After October 15 Mr. Longley will bring his bride to Washington, where they will make their home at 236 Thirteenth street.

Mrs. Benjamin Miller and her daughter, Miss Frances Miller, are spending the summer at their cottage at Atlantic City. They will remain until the middle of October. Benjamin Miller and May Miller have just returned from a visit to their family. Mrs. Miller and Miss Miller have entertained numerous house parties during the summer.

Miss Made Hager and Mrs. F. F. Bailey, of Cherrydale, Va., are visiting the Jamestown Exposition this week.

Mrs. Fielding Lewis Marshall, jr., left Washington this morning for a visit of ten days to Mrs. E. W. Creevy, in her country home, the Highlands, near Ilchester, Howard county, Md.

Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth arrived in San Francisco yesterday on the steamer Sierra, from Honolulu. They will spend the fall season before the opening of Congress in their Cincinnati home.

Miss Ruth Grabbil, of North Takoma, left yesterday for Springfield, Mo., the wife of a physician, to attend college at that place.

HOMEMADE DIVORCE FOR THIS COUPLE

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 14.—Dr. C. L. Stevens, one of the most prominent physicians of Des Moines, and his wife have signed an "agreement of separation," which ultimately is expected to lead to a divorce.

News of the unique homemade divorce came to their friends in the city as a surprise. Several weeks ago Mrs. Stevens went to the home of her parents at Jacksonville, Ill., but it was supposed here that she was merely on a visit. As she had been closely associated with the Des Moines Women's Club, her continued absence finally excited comment, and one of her friends wrote her, asking her when she expected to return to Des Moines.

Today a letter from Mrs. Stevens came to the president of the club, and it was read in open meeting. It told briefly of the separation, but gave no particulars.

Dr. and Mrs. Stevens have two children, both girls. They are now with the mother, at the home of her parents. Stevens refuses to say anything about the case.

GEORGETOWN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Palmer and daughter are spending several weeks at Jamestown where Mr. Palmer has a stable of race horses.

Miss Martha Krumke, of L street northwest, who has been at the Jamestown Exposition for the past week, will return tomorrow night.

Rev. Father John Joseph Brie, S. J., of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Thirty-sixth and O streets northwest, is on his annual retreat.

PRIESTS ORDERED TO VACATE OR TROOPS WILL USE FORCE

PARIS, Sept. 14.—A La Presse special says that by the order of the prefect of the Department of Ministere, sixty priests must leave their pastoral residences within fifteen days or be turned out by the troops.

The church at Etampes has been sacked, the confessionals upset, and the tabernacle defiled, but nothing was stolen. The perpetrators are unknown.

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George R. Wales Discusses Need of Offering Clerks Reward of Service Pension

Industrial Concerns Find It Pays to Provide Retirement Funds.

Employees Would Pay for Annuities Themselves. Judiciary an Example.

The proposed plan of the Keep Commission for the retirement of superannuated Government employees on annuities is receiving considerable attention in departmental circles.

The subcommittee of the Keep Commission, to which were referred matters relating to the personnel of the service, including salaries, promotions, and hours of labor, devoted much thought and attention to schemes for the retirement of Government employees who have reached that period in their service where their usefulness has become impaired.

The result of the deliberations of the committee has been the formulation of a report and the draft of a bill, which has been submitted to the Keep Commission, and which it is expected will soon be forwarded to the President for his consideration.

Wales Discusses Plan.

George R. Wales, chief of the division of appointments of the Civil Service Commission, who has been in the Government service for eighteen years, and who fully understands and appreciates the needs and condition of the great body of Government employees, was a member of the subcommittee that formulated the retirement plan.

Speaking today of the proposed measure and the benefits to be derived from it both by the employees and the Government, Mr. Wales said:

"Congress placed in the appropriation acts a provision requiring heads of departments to dismiss employees who have become incapacitated through old age or other infirmities, but heads of departments dislike to cut off from livelihood employees who have rendered long and faithful service, if it is possible to utilize their services in any way.

"In all matters affecting the public service the first consideration must be the welfare of the Government. The interests of the individual employee must be entirely secondary. The popular notion seems to be that all the projects for the retirement of Government employees are primarily for the benefit of the employee, but this is not the correct view, and the committee considered only the interests of the Government, realizing, of course, the incidental benefit to the employee.

Competes With Commercial Concerns.

"In obtaining and retaining its employees the Government is obliged to compete with commercial institutions, and in order to secure the best talent it must offer inducements at least equivalent to those which are offered by private employers. Many persons object to entering the service because the opportunities for advancement are limited. In private business the zeal of the employee is kept alive by the hope of continued advancement, and the possible opportunity of sharing in the management and profits of the enterprise. Another reason why many capable men do not apply for Government positions is that they realize that by entering the service they divorce themselves from commercial employment. If a mercantile establishment does not offer proper opportunities for advancement, an employee of experience and ability is readily able to better his condition by securing employment with another similar concern.

"The Government employee is not able to do so, because he is cut off from connection with mercantile establishments. For positions requiring some training or ability in addition to that which can be obtained in the common schools, the Civil Service Commission is experienced.



GEORGE R. WALES, Who Holds Old Age Pensions Are Necessary to Attract Good Men to Government Service.

ing great difficulty in securing a sufficient number of qualified persons to meet the needs of the Government.

Question of Superannuation.

"The question of superannuation is, therefore, closely interwoven with the question of securing and retaining the most competent employees. Since the Government is a competitor of private establishments in the matter of employment, any plan looking to the solution of the question of superannuation must take into consideration what those competitors are doing to solve the question. The motive for the adoption of such schemes by private corporations cannot be wholly a philanthropic one.

"The benefits to the public service of retirement provisions are well illustrated in the high character of the Federal judiciary, as well as the officers of the army and navy. Men with qualifications to hold high grade of civil life, and who could obtain great incomes than are given by the Government, are retained in these services because of the retirement systems.

"There are undoubtedly many well-equipped men, possessing the highest qualifications, who would be attracted to the classified service if there were some assurance that they would be in the care of the Government when they enter the Government service with the feeling that the public business was to be their life-work, and they would bring to it a high grade of ability, and the standard of the service would be raised.

Clerks to Pay Share.

"The committee realized that although the Government might be amply justified from a purely selfish and economic standpoint in providing the entire fund for the retirement of its superannuated employees, there is a strong prejudice against the establishment of a civil pension list in the United States, such as is maintained by all the other great powers of the world. It therefore gave consideration to the matter of different plans proposed whereby the employees provide a part or all of the retirement fund in time already, and the result that it submitted a plan in the form of a bill which, if adopted, would mean immediately that each employee would be required to save enough money out of his salary to pay for his own retirement. In reality the plan amounts to little more than compulsory savings.

"It was realized, of course, that employees who have been in the service for some time already, including all those who may now be superannuated, could not be expected to pay into the Treasury at this time enough money to secure their retirement in the plan to be proposed. It was therefore proposed that present employees commence paying when the act takes effect, and when they reach the required age the Government will apply the deficiency necessary to provide for their retirement in the annuity specified in the bill.

"The amount of the annuity is to be 1 1/2 per cent of the pay of the employee for each year of his service, and from the time he enters the service until he leaves it he is required to pay such an amount monthly as will, when he arrives at the retirement age, be sufficient, with the addition of the interest, to pay him such an annuity for the remainder of his life."

BOTTLERS' ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at the annual meeting yesterday of the Bottlers' Protective Association of the District of Columbia: Robert T. Mentzell, president; Charles H. Mayhew, vice president; Emil R. Levy, secretary, and William McGuire, treasurer.

With the above-named officers, the following will compose the board of directors: Henry Otto and J. D. O'Meara. The delegates to the national convention to be held in Denver, October 12 and 13, will be Charles Jacobsen, Frank P. Madigan, William McGuire, and Robert H. Mentzell.

EIGHTY-MILE RIVER RIDE ON STEAMER MACALESTER

To spend a pleasant Sunday afternoon and part of the evening, one would do well to take a trip on the steamer Charles Macalester, which leaves Seventh street wharf tomorrow afternoon for a sail of forty miles down the Potomac and return, giving a continuous river ride of eighty miles. The beautiful scenery along the river is a special feature of the trip. Meals, luncheon, and refreshments can be had on the steamer at city prices. The Macalester will leave tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and, returning, reach home about 7:30 p. m. Stops will be made at Alexandria.

WORKMEN QUIT THREE BUILDINGS

Bricklayers and Carpenters Tie Up Mooney Operations.

Places Will Be Filled, Declares Secretary Hall.

The business agents' strike committee of the building trades has called strikes on the three buildings being erected by the W. E. Mooney Construction Company—an addition to a school house in Anacostia, the Georgetown custom house, and a residence on P street.

Thirty-five union men, principally bricklayers and carpenters, left the work. The strike was called because the construction company was working a number of nonunion men of various trades outside of the bricklayers and carpenters' craft.

The strike committee thinks that it will be able to induce the construction company to agree to employ only union mechanics, and in that event the work will be resumed. The committee was working on the case today, and expressed the hope that the strike would be called off of these buildings tonight, and resumed Monday morning.

Carpenters Quit Job.

Another building, the repair work on the drug store, corner Fourth and New York avenues, being done by Master Builder Osterman, was pulled late yesterday, a number of union carpenters being taken off of that job. However, Secretary Hall, of the Employers' Association, said this morning that work was going ahead there today, the vacancies caused by the walkout of the union men having been filled by nonunion men.

Mr. Hall said that his association was prepared to fill the positions of the strikers on the Mooney jobs, and would do so Monday morning. He admitted that the three buildings were tied up today, but said they would be manned Monday.

Higher Officers Coming.

It was announced at union headquarters this morning that these international officers of the building trades would arrive here tonight to take charge of the interests of their locals: Joseph Kelly, organizer of the Brotherhood of Carpenters; John Alpine, president of the Plumbers' Union, who comes to relieve John M. Love, who has been here more than a month, and W. H. Potter, of the Electrical Workers' Union.

The strike committee asserts that yesterday it deported sixteen nonunion bricklayers and eight carpenters.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE PROMOTES EMPLOYEES

Acting Engineer Commissioner Kelly has issued this general order changing the personnel of the Engineering Department:

The resignation of Louis W. Whiting, chairman in the surface division, accepted to take effect from and after September 23; M. F. Leopold transferred from the per diem role to chairman at \$800 per annum, vice Whiting; said transfer to take effect on and after September 24.

H. Beckett, leveler, at \$1,200 per year in the Water Department, be appointed chief inspector of valves at \$450 per day. A. B. Spore, roddman at \$500 per annum, appointed leveler at \$1,200 per annum, vice Beckett.

C. C. Beckett, chairman, at \$675 per annum, appointed roddman at \$500 per annum, vice Spore.

L. Carner, skilled laborer at \$2 per day, appointed chairman at \$675 per year. Promotions to take effect on and after September 25.

LAST OPEN-AIR MEETING.

In Franklin Park tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, the last of the series of open-air meetings, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be held. The Rev. George Whitehouse will be the principal speaker.

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Big Time Ahead For Secretary Root In Old Mexico.

Whole Country Preparing to Honor American Visitors to the Land of the Montezumas.

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