



The attendance at the Marsland-Jones wedding Thursday evening can be truthfully designated as a crush. Not since the wedding of Miss Latta and Dr. Ladd has the First Presbyterian church held so large and fashionable an assembly as that which gathered to do

honor to the nuptials of Miss Ruby Jones and Professor Herbert Marsland. The ceremony occurred at 7 o'clock, Rev. E. H. Curtis officiating. Miss Henrietta Hollowbush presided at the organ. In the bridal procession, after the ushers, Miss Jones the maid of honor, came first. She wore pink silk with a short white tulle veil. Following came the two bridesmaids, Miss Jones and Miss Gertrude Marsland. The latter wore blue silk gowns and comical large bouquets of red roses. The bride, a strikingly handsome young woman, followed alone. Miss Ruby Jones never looked prettier. Her dress was of white brocaded satin, with a very long train. She wore a bridal veil. After the bride came a little sister of the groom, carrying flowers. Professor Marsland came in alone and met the bride at the altar. Miss Jones was given away by her father Dr. H. S. Jones. The ceremony was that of the Episcopal church. The were Frank C. Zehring, W. E. Clarke, Frank S. Burr, C. R. Lee, W. D. Robinson and Fritz Westermann. The church was handsomely decorated. After the ceremony there was a reception at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Jones attended by relatives and intimate friends.

This seems to have been a week of weddings: On Wednesday evening at Twenty-eighth and Q streets, Miss Kittie Town was given in marriage to Mr. Albert Dudley Graham. The bridesmaid was the sister of the bride, Miss Hattie Town, and the best man was the brother of the groom, Dr. Graham. Rev. Arthur Frost Newel of the Vine Street Congregational church officiated.

The "Saunterer" in *Town Topics*, in discussing the recent marriage of Lieutenant Lang, just graduated from West Point, to the daughter of the commissary sergeant of the post, consider the matrimonial proprieties of army officers in an interesting and somewhat unique manner. The "Saunterer" says: The line drawn between officers of the army and enlisted men is so distinctly marked that it was almost a shock when it was known that a graduate of West Point had taken to wife the daughter of an enlisted man. It may be a question as to the wisdom of the act of the young officer, but that there is anything in it that should be a cloud on his military future, or that should entail upon the wife anything that would savor of tabooing in army circles, is not true. It is understood that the young lady is not only a girl of spotless personal character, but she is well educated and of ladylike deportment. She is said to be a graduate of one of our first institutions for female education. I fancy she will be received on her personal merits, and as the wife of an officer of the army at whatever post her husband may be stationed, without remembrance of the fact that her father, a worthy man; I hear is a common soldier. Lieutenant Lang graduated well up in his class, and while one, on general principles, may doubt the propriety of young graduates marrying with too much haste, I am inclined to respect his nerve and self-assertiveness in flying in the face of popular prejudice and wedding the girl of his choice. I sometimes think that were it not so undemocratic, and in such antagonism to the traditions and convictions of the people of this country, it would be wise if there were a law similar to that of Germany in relation to the marriage of officers—a requirement that all officers that have not a private fortune should only marry only when the bride brings a dot sufficient amount to insure a fixed revenue to the new household. Experience shows that a great many young officers graduating from West Point and sent to a frontier post where the circle of society is very narrow, are apt to marry into the army—that is to say the daughters of army officers who have no fortune: and the new

menage must be started and maintained on the pay of a subaltern. While the pay of the United States officers is perhaps fairly good, and better than that of most armies, and may suffice very well for the maintenance of the young bachelor, it is found to be very meagre when it has to provide for a wife and growing family. There are enough girls with adequate fortunes in this country to provide wives for all army and navy officers, and in becoming the wives of such officers, they would secure a social position well worth the material provision they would carry to it. The four years of rigid discipline and practical close confinement of a cadet are not likely to develop in him that worldliness of knowledge that would fit him to be the best judge of a suitable wife or proper settlement in life. It were wiser if young officers remained bachelors for a few years after their graduation, until their widened social circle and opportunities should develop in them a knowledge and taste better fitting them to select a partner for life."

There are some officers who carry ordinary human, impressionable hearts under their blue coats, that would object to this matter of fact way of arranging their matrimonial affairs, and it is difficult to see why there should be any special provision in this direction for the gentlemen of the army. They are usually quite able to take care of themselves.

W. M. Clarke, H. C. Young and Mrs. A. B. Clark left Monday for Cambridge, Ohio.

Miss Sarah Harris and Miss Lulu Clark have returned from a visit in Burlington, Iowa.

The American social star of the London season is undoubtedly Mrs. George Gould, says a New York contemporary. There is no question whatever as to her reception in the English capital. Her husband has all the attributes to make himself popular with our British cousins. Mrs. Gould is handsome and clever. Her stage career, entirely different from that of the mothers and wives of many of the British peerage, was one on which she can look back with unbounded satisfaction. She was a good actress, and an honorable woman. One finds this kind of thing frequently in America, and many stage marriages are happy. As a rule the British aristocracy does not draw its supplies from the same class of actresses. The Goulds are more than half way "in," and next winter they will be brilliant planets in our social firmament.

Dr. C. E. Spahr will spend a portion of the summer in the east visiting his old home.

T. D. Crane of Omaha was in the city this week.

F. W. Collins has returned from Denver.

L. B. Howey, national bank examiner, who has been in Washington and Philadelphia, is expected home in a few days.

J. M. Griffith of Omaha, national bank examiner, has been in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennard, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Keefer spent Sunday at Beatrice.

W. L. McClay, Forry Moore, Jessie Moore and Frank Kaufman have returned from a two week's outing at Ruby.

Governor Crounse, it is said, contemplates an European trip this summer.

The circus continues to be popular with society people. There was a fair representation at Sells Brothers Thursday night.

L. L. H. Austin returned Thursday from Chicago.

Frank C. Zehring returned from New York Monday. Mr. Zehring's principal errand east was to book attractions for the new Funke, and 'tis said he succeeded in accomplishing his errand in a most