

W. Q. Bell has returned from Colorado.

Mr. Cliff R. Cook, general agent for the State Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Mass., returned to St. Paul, Minn. today after a few days visit in Lincoln. Mr. Cook is much pleased with St. Paul; likes his work there, and we predict for him a brilliant and successful business career.

One of the largest and jolliest picnics of the season will take place at Lincoln park today, weather permitting. The ladies will spend the afternoon at the park and the gentlemen will go out in time for supper. The following are expected: Messrs N. C. Abbott, Will Leonard, C. C. Burr, R. H. Oakley, O. R. Oakley, S. C. Wilson, W. C. Wilson, W. B. Wilson, E. H. Hawley, Hooker, Ghas. Hawley, C. L. Hooper, R. A. Perry, J. B. Wright, J. J. Cox, Baldwin, B. Dawes, Frank Burr, Ross Curtis, Fred Houtz, Fritz Westerman, Lew Marshall, C. Y. Smith, Harry Lansing, W. F. Kelley, John Dorgan, Bobby Joyce, Owen Oakley, Frank Hooper, Will Johnson, Clough. Mesdames. Abbott, Leonard, Burr, R. H. Oakley, O. R. Oakley, S. C. Wilson, W. B. Wilson, Hawley, Hooker, Perry, Hooper, Cox, Wright, Baldwin. Misses Barker of Omaha, Bertie Burr, Grace Burr, Jessie Leland, Grace Oakley, Maude Oakley, Ethel Hooper, Henrietta Hawley, Florence Hawley, Mame Carson, Jeanette Wilson, Nellie White, Mae Burr, Norrn of St. Joe, Hallie Hooper, Marie Marshall, Lucy Griffith, Mae Moore, Florence Houtz, Mabel Cox, Fanchon Hooper, Alice Harrington and Minnie Gibbins.

IN OMAHA.

Society in Omaha has been exceedingly dull this past week. In fact, nearly all those who could get away have done so, but some few have been detained by the railroad strike, and are now only waiting the cessation of hostilities to seek lake, mountain or ocean.

The *World-Herald* people must be hard pushed for gossip when they give the first half column on their society page to the doings of the "Thirsty" Rifles on the Fourth, (written by one of their members.) Although this company, through a great misunderstanding on the part of the judges as to the conditions of the drill, won first place, I very much doubt if society people knew there was to be a drill, or knowing, cared.

General Brooke returned home last Friday in time to take command of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific roads from here to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Curtis and family are very anxious to get to Okoboji and go into camp for the balance of the summer, but on account of the tie-up can get no road to accept their freight to be shipped.

I take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Miss Jennie Yates to Mr. Everett Smith of St. Joseph, Mo. Miss Yates, it will be remembered, was one of last year's debutantes. She is lively, witty and the prettiest of the three sisters. Mr. Smith, I hear, is a very manly young fellow and well endowed with the goods of this world, being at the head of several large prosperous enterprises in his native town. To them both I extend my heartiest congratulations.

Mr. Hamilton S. Wallace of the U. S. geological survey, who arrived in Omaha last week, was forced to return to Washington on Friday on account of his ill health. After a month's rest he hopes to be able to settle down to work again, and for the balance of the summer and fall will make his headquarters between here and Lincoln.

Col. Pratt was registered in Chicago last Saturday.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D.

We have been here a week and every moment has been one of delight. This beautiful spot up in the hills coupled with the cool weather will make Omaha's ugliness and heat unbearable. I have

been taken to endless places of interest where we drove through lovely canyons, forded crystal streams and climbed the lofty pine clad hills, all combining to make up a varied and enchanting scenery. The Hotel Evans, a handsome structure of pink sand stone, resembling some old castle on the Rhine, with its battlemented turrets, stands out in bold relief against its rugged background and is excellent in every respect—far away ahead of what one would imagine to find up here. One could pass a very happy existence doing nothing but gaze at the beautiful view from its piazza, where there is always a delicious breeze blowing. Wagons run between here and the plunge and the Galtalicon & Stewart Springs. The first is the favorite, even if it is not supposed to do one as much good as either of the others, and is simply irresistible to all visitors. Quite a number of Omaha people are here. Among them are General Hawley, Miss Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, Mrs. Beindorff and Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Henry M. Yates and party, consisting of Miss Yates, Miss Bessie Yates, Miss McKenna, Master Hal Yates, Frank Morseman, Mrs. John A. McShane, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Hogan and and the Misses Burke of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rosewater, Mr. and Mrs. Francis of the B. & M., Mr. Flannegan of the Associated Press, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoke, have just gone. I have seen about the hotel Mr. and Mrs. Griswold, nee Cramer, formerly of Omaha, but now a resident of Hot Springs, and Mr. Harry Nutt, who spent some years at Council Bluffs, now occupying an important position with the B. & M. at Edgemont. H

COLORADO SOCIETY.

The summer resorts of Colorado continue as popular as ever. When there is added to a fine, bracing, comfortable atmosphere, a vast mountain range, with lofty heights and exquisite canons, and picturesque waterfalls, there will always be found a throng of people to enjoy and explore. To be sure the hard times are having a visible effect, and the past week has been especially discouraging to the hotel and boarding house keepers, as the strike has kept away many who were expected. The time has just arrived, when the snow storms on Pike's Peak are ripe, and when people who can are most anxious to escape the heat and dust of their own homes. Nevertheless the hotels and streets of Manitou are well filled with people, and the never changing mountains are being explored by thousands. The railway to the top of the peak is a wonderful piece of work, and patronized by hundreds. Many others continue to go to the top on foot, thus getting the full benefit of the marvelous scenery, and stooping to look from many an exquisite point. It is very common to meet on the mountains, in the canons, and Garden of the Gods, young men and women trudging along with a haversack and a long staff, taking in everything in the most complete manner. The whole region about Colorado Springs is full of wonderful places, and people who are able to walk, and have a little time can see everything on foot. When you go high be sure to have a wrap. Wear clothes that can be torn or spoiled without breaking your heart. Be sure you have good tight shoes, an umbrella, and a good stick, then walk—and ask questions. On the streets and about the hotels the ladies appear in elegant costumes, and if any inference is to be drawn from their appearance, it is that they never had an introduction to hard times.

Judge M. B. Reese and family are living half way up Pike's Peak

Miss Lillian Upham, formerly a teacher in the Lincoln schools is at Manitou.

George H. Wedgwood and family are in Denver.

A. Hurlbut and Tobias Castor accompanied by a number of ladies visited Denver last week.

J. D. McFarland is in Colorado.

W. Q. B.

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