

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis and family and Miss Daisy Adams returned last week from a few weeks trip to the Yellowstone park and Thermopolis, Wyo.

E. E. Evans of Antioch was a business visitor in Alliance Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Basye will go the first of the week to Hot Springs, where Mr. Basye has legal business. They will probably take a short pleasure trip to Sylvan lake and vicinity while away.

Attorney Campbell of the firm of Cosgrove & Campbell of Lincoln, is in the city this week on legal business.

Robert Vorse and family spent Sunday with Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Epler. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Anabel left Monday night to visit Mr. Anabel's brother near Grand Island, who is very sick.

Harvey Whaley of Yakeside is quite sick at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clyde Fosdick.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hebert has been quite sick but was reported much better Monday.

Robert Atz of Casper spent Sunday in Alliance visiting friends.

Mrs. William W. Cutts and son, Billy, who have been visiting at the home of W. E. Cutts left today for Denver, where they will visit for a few days and then return to their home in Los Angeles.

Mrs. William Leetch of Crawford is the guest of Miss Madeline Zediker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blosser and family and Miss Collins of Concordia, Kas., stopped at the home of N. J. Fletcher Sunday en route to Salt Lake City and other western points.

Dr. M. J. Baskin returned Saturday from a few days business trip to Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mohrman and Charley DeMoss spent Sunday in the Pine Ridge on a picnic.

Miss Maude Nason left Sunday for Denver for a two weeks visit with her sister, Miss Carol Nason.

E. C. Drake went to Bridgeport last Friday on business, returning Saturday.

Mrs. A. Gregory and son, Clifford, went to Bridgeport Friday to visit with relatives.

Rev. B. J. Minort went to Angora Friday where he preached Friday evening.

**Non-Partisan League Wants Referendum on Four New Laws**

Fifty-five thousand signatures—about 16,000 in excess of the number required by the constitution to suspend a statute enacted by the legislature—have been secured up to this time to referendum petitions against four of the laws passed last winter, which are being attacked by the non-partisan league and several other organizations, says the Lincoln Star.

According to C. A. Sorenson and F. L. Bollen, in charge of the referendum undertaking, signed petitions have been coming in at the rate of several thousand a day, and the two men expect that the total will be pushed up to 75,000 when all returns are in. The only counties from which petitions have not been received are Sarpy and Dakota. All petitions were circulated by volunteer workers who receive no pay.

The labor unions of Omaha, the farm bureau federation, and a farm newspaper assisted the non-partisan league in getting the petitions signed up. They are directed against these acts:

S. F. 305, requiring state wide registration for voters.

H. R. 62, amending the primary law.

H. R. 617, the anti-picketing law.

A paragraph in H. R. 193, a banking bill, which requires a certificate of "public necessity, convenience and advantage" before a new bank can secure a charter.

The petitions were filed with the secretary of state on Monday, July 25, and the occasion was celebrated by a meeting and speeches in Representative hall at the capitol.

Between 800 and 1,000 were secured in Lancaster county and 3,000 from Douglas.

It cost about \$3,000 for printing, postage, clerk hire and other items to get the petitions circulated and signed, according to Messrs. Sorenson and Bollen.

**HUMOR AND MATRIMONY.**

(Chicago Herald.)

A man got up the other day and said it was his opinion that a sense of humor was so important in life that it ought to be put right into the marriage ceremony.

It is needless to add that the man who got up and said it was a bachelor. If he had been married he wouldn't have been allowed to get up in the first place, and even if he had managed that he wouldn't have dared say anything so radical.

This gentleman's suggestion was that, since the "obey" had been amputated from the service the loving couple should be required to "love, honor and have a sense of humor" until death do them part.

Undoubtedly, a sense of humor has its place in the home, but we don't see the advantage of thrusting it into the wedding service.

If you really have a sense of humor in working order you wouldn't be doing anything so ridiculous as promising anything. A man getting married is in no condition to enjoy a joke—even if he is one.

When a man can hardly keep a wife, the way prices are, how can he be expected to keep a sense of humor? Even if he did manage to scrape up the remnants of one after the wedding it would be knocked out by the first of the month, when the bills begin to come in.

Generally speaking, a sense of humor in matrimony is about as much use as a map of Europe, published in 1913.

Another thing the innocent people would like to know is whether jazz musicians really get any pleasure out of what they are doing.

**Alliance Post of the T. P. A. Organizing to Bring Down Hotel Rates**

The members of Post No. 1, T. P. A., of Alliance are organizing to put on a campaign in western Nebraska, the effect of which will be to bring down the cost of hotel accommodations, including meals, in this territory. There has been a committee unofficially appointed, but the names will not be made public, for obvious reasons. As one of the traveling men who is interested in the campaign put it, "I have no desire to be shoved into an attic bedroom and be given sowbly and beans for my meals for the next three months." The situation is serious, according to the traveling men. The wholesale houses have been feeling the pinch of rising expenses for salesmen during the past several months. Railway travel costs no less than 3.9 cents per mile, and the average price for a room in a hotel, at the rates given commercial travelers, is two or three times what it was before the war. It has got to the point, the traveling men say, where they have to bring in a lot of business before they can show the profit on a trip to the head of the firm.

According to the traveling men, the hotel men themselves will be among the chief losers if the rates don't come down. The Alliance T. P. A.'s aren't going to pull any raw stuff, but the bosses will present some facts to the hotel men in clear, concise form, so that the point can be seen and understood. It's got to the place, they say, where either the expense accounts must be lowered, or else from 50 to 70 per cent of the men on the road will be called in and told to hunt other jobs.

One of the members has compiled a summary of the supplies purchased by hotels, showing that there have been reductions of from 10 to 75 per cent in the cost of practically every item. Flour has decreased 50 per cent since May, 1920; potatoes, 75 per cent; sugar 70 per cent; kitchen equipment, 22 to 50 per cent; table linens, 30 to 40 per cent; bed linen, 50 per cent; carpets and floor coverings, 40 per cent; foods and cooking fats, 20 to 50 per cent; and so on down the line.

The traveling men are also a unit in favoring the passage by congress of the Kahn bill in the house and the Watson bill in the senate, which provides for the issuance of mileage books, good on any road, at the rate of 2 1/2 cents per mile.

Mrs. M. P. Powles of Minatare, formerly Miss Pauline Scott of Chadron and for several years a teacher in the Alliance schools, stopped in Alliance this morning. Mrs. Powles is on her way to Chadron for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Grisham of Erskine, Alberta, Canada, who are making an auto trip from Coffeyville, Kas., to their home in Canada, stopped in Alliance for a few days visit with Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Epler.

The initiation of the Eastern Star will be postponed until the third Tuesday in August.

Mrs. Clarence Schaffer left Saturday for a few days outing at the Summer camp of her father near Henry, Neb.

Mrs. J. A. Barnes accompanied her husband to Hemington on a business trip Saturday.

A. L. Carrol of Hemingford was in town Monday morning and purchased a new Reo six of the A. H. Jones Co. F. A. Roush of Chadron stopped over in Alliance last Saturday on his way to Arthur on business. Mr. Roush says the Alliance-Chadron road is in fairly good condition and only one bridge, the one at Pepper Creek, is washed out. The grading is progressing rapidly on both sides of the river.

**RANDOM SHOTS**

We can't tell whether it is the newest style in matrimony, or whether the tired head-writer needed another word to fill out the line, but Sunday's Lincoln Star contained this one: "Miss Fern McCorkle Becomes Summer Bride of Ernest Hook."

The very pretty girl is at a decided disadvantage in the business world, says the society editress of a Nebraska daily, who interviewed a lot of employers about their prejudicial preferences as applied to office help. However, the pretty girls make up for it outside the office, and the average girl probably would rather be pretty than be private secretary to John D. Rockefeller.

"It makes a man feel older when he follows up the news of people he used to know. Harry Wilcoxon has a daughter that's old enough to get married, and Frank Mills now is the proud daddy of five babies, with two sets of twins.

**Today's Best Story.**

One of his buddies has just spilled the best story we ever heard anyone tell on Ed Reardon. It seems that during the war, Ed once got a Sunday pass, and was asked by a young lady he met on the street if he would care to go up to her house for a cup of coffee. "Th girls were always doing something like that during the war." On arriving at the house, Ed was introduced to the girl's mother, who, just as they always do, made apologies for her appearance. They chatted a minute or two, and then the mother said: "I'll go and put on the percolator. "Don't bother about that," Ed told her. "You look all right as you are. You don't need to dress up."

Tom Gee went to church last Sunday.

This hot weather is causing a lot of the boys to ponder on the hereafter.

Boiler-plate wit: "When a man reaches for his hip pocket nowadays, you don't know whether to shoot in defense or get ready to kiss him."

Mickie, the printer's devil, quotes Pop Brown as saying: "They's two ways of wastin' yer breath—one is hollering down a rain barrel and the other is tellin' a girl she looks prettier without that red stuff on her face."

One of the Bayard newspapers remarks that a "bolling alley" may be established there.

**Society**

Mrs. R. M. Tinkom was hostess at an attractive luncheon Friday afternoon. The guest list included Messdames C. J. Young, J. B. Irwin, A. D. Sturgeon, H. A. DuBuque, A. E. Nelson, Harry Felters, R. E. McKenzie, Ella Young, Thomas Katen, H. E. Sims, George Fleming, F. G. Hitchcock, S. R. Mackey, D. L. Sturgeon, A. J. Cole, George Potter, C. L. Finch, Harry Patrick and J. H. Standard. A four-course luncheon was served at 3:30 o'clock, after which Monte Carlo whist was played, Mrs. George Potter winning high honors. The tables were decorated in sweet peas.

The Misses Matilda Frankle and Margaret Harris gave a picnic at Dunlap Saturday evening for their house guests, Miss Florence Hutton of Hastings, Dorothy Whitehead of Mitchell and Pauline Price of Hollywood, Calif. The guests were the Misses Florence Hutton, Pauline Price, Dorothy Whitehead, Theresa Morrow, Katherine Harris, Messrs. Hugh McVicker, M. Nolan, Edwin Morrow, Robert Walker, Lewis Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Potarf and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Burr Jr. and Mr. Coupon and Mr. Raymond of Scottsbluff.

Miss Mamie Collins entertained at a 7 o'clock dinner Sunday evening in honor of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Baskin who are leaving this week for Denver, where they will make their home. The decorations were yellow and white and the color scheme was carried out in the delightful three course dinner. Those invited were Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Baskin, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Baskin, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. John Beach, Miss Mabel Sward and Pearly Beach.

Mrs. E. L. Potarf and Mrs. Geo. L. Burr Jr., entertained at a luncheon in the Palm Room Saturday noon at 1:30 p. m. in honor of Miss Florence Hutton of Hastings who is visiting at the Frankle home. Miss Pauline Price of Hollywood, Calif., a guest at the Harris home won high score at bridge in the afternoon. The guests were Misses Florence Hutton, Pauline Price, Dorothy Whitehead, Theresa Morrow, Matilda Frankle and Margaret Harris.

The Alliance Country Club will hold open house on Thursday, July 28 which has been designated by the directors as a time when members may entertain friends in the city who are not members of the organization. The club

house, beach and dining room will be opened to the guests, who, however, will not be permitted the privilege of the golf course. There will be dancing at 9 p. m.

Mrs. W. E. Cutts entertained a few friends at dinner Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Wm. W. Cutts of Los Angeles. Those present were Mrs. Wm. W. Cutts, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Glass, Miss Katherine Shriner and Messrs. Robert Atz and Leslie Glass.

County Judge Tash officiated at a midnight wedding Saturday, when he united in marriage William H. Leetch and Miss Hazel Pipher, both of Crawford. The couple were accompanied by Bert Sattley and Miss Madeline Zediker of this city.

William P. Harvey of Gainesville, Ga., and Miss Babe Kelly of Kansas City, Mo., were married in Alliance Saturday evening. The bride was in Alliance with the carnival company. The couple will make their home at Lusk, Wyo.

The marriage of Claude Hazelton to Miss Mabie Rockey of this city will take place at 7 o'clock tonight at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rockey.

The Ludoka Campfire girls will have a ceremonial meeting at the home of their guardian, Miss Avis Joder, Tues-

day evening at 7:30 o'clock at which time honors will be awarded.

Mrs. M. A. Dickenson and Mrs. Blain Beckwith will give a 1:30 luncheon in honor of Mrs. Shaw, Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dickenson.

Mrs. Ida Betts entertained a few friends at dinner Sunday evening, the occasion being the birthday of her sister, Miss Lulu Benson.

Ralph J. Emmett and Miss Mabel Gilbert, both of Chicago, Ill., were issued a license to wed Tuesday.

Miss Theresa Morrow gave a luncheon today at 1 p. m. in honor of Miss Florence Hutton of Hastings.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. J. J. Vance at 503 Toluen Thursday, July 28, at 2:30 p. m.

The tennis tournament, which has been engrossing the attention of racket enthusiasts for the past two weeks, will be finished this week, if the weather permits. The contests are now down to the semi-finals. Fowler and Dailey are in the country today and will forfeit games to Bennett and Black. If the courts are in shape tonight Bennett will play Vanderlas and possibly Black will play Tippet. The winner of the Bennett-Vanderlas match will play Morrow and the winner of the Black-Tippet match will meet Prince in the semi-finals.

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