

Sparky and Barney Bulge Into Omaha

Redoubtable Steed in Good Trim Except for Tendency Toward Sleeping Sickness—Google Dodging Wife.

The inimitable Spark Plug bulged into Omaha from Chicago yesterday morning, rarin' to go. A wildly cheering delegation was at Union station to meet the redoubtable steed and his owner, Barney Google.

As the Chicago train pulled in, 10 minutes early, Barney cautiously shoved his head from a Pullman window, and in high falsetto whistled:

"Has anybody seen anything of my Sweet Woman?"

"Not yet. Welcome to our hamlet," roared back Charlie Gardner, who headed the reception committee.

Misses Top Step.

Thus assured, Barney came out of the car, leading Sparky, who apparently was not yet entirely awake. Sparky missed the top step of the Pullman and landed on the platform.

Now fully awake, Sparky opened his eyes slightly and came to a sitting posture. He then rose from

City Hoss Doctor Examines Sparky on Arrival



Dr. C. C. Hall, city veterinarian, is shown above examining Sparky, the famous race horse, who arrived here from Chicago yesterday morning.

Below, Claude Bossie, city clerk, is welcoming Barney Google, Sparky's owner, to the city. Motion pictures taken by Sparky's triumphant arrival were taken by Harry Watts and were shown at the Strand theater last night.

his haunches and whinnied long and loud.

"That's a tip that he'll win his first race," explained Barney. "I wonder if there's a sale on oats here in Omaha?"

Claude Bossie, city clerk, welcomed Barney and Sparky to Omaha. Dr. C. C. Hall, city veterinarian, examined Sparky.

Sparky Embarrassed.

Sparky seemed quite embarrassed when his blanket was raised. He snorted a little and started to raise one hoof in a menacing manner, but changed his mind. Dr. Hall pronounced Sparky in good trim, adding, however, that it was entirely possible the steed was suffering from sleeping sickness.

On hearing this verdict, Sparky



opened one eye slightly again, to show that the diagnosis was entirely wrong.

Across the station platform went Barney and Sparky, followed by cheering admirers, Harry Watts, with his demon camera man, E. R. Trabold, took several million feet of motion picture film of the famous horse and owner.

Rides in Elevator.

Sparky went up in the Union station elevator as if he'd been doing it all his life. Charles Trimble, high mogul of the Ak-Sar-Ben races, led the parade up Farnam street with his specially constructed truck, which was filled with Ak-Sar-Ben attaches.

Barney and Sparky walked behind the truck. It looked bad for Barney and Sparky at Sixteenth and Farnam streets. Sparky decided to turn north on Sixteenth and Traffic Officer O. H. Thornton objected, threatening to put both Sparky and Barney under arrest.

On the plea that the races might fall flat without the presence of Sparky, the officer consented to allow him to go free, however. The next stop was Ak-Sar-Ben office, where there was a royal welcome for Sparky and Barney by the Spark Plug club.

Hauled Cannon in War.

Sparky went right into the American Legion office. He was so much at home that Legion members hailed him as a fellow warrior. And Barney admitted that Sparky was an ex-service horse, having hauled a cannon during the war.

Thence to the Strand theater, where Manager Watts shot more pictures. At Hotel Fontenelle everything had been prepared for the great arrival. The front doors were removed, and Sparky entered the lobby without much hesitation. Manager Bemis and L. N. Prince were on the reception committee for the hotel. Gene Epley also was on hand.

"Looks Like Mud Hen."

Rome Miller met the famous duo at Hotel Rome, where Manager Berlin offered Sparky some specially prepared oats, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Congressman W. G. Sears was among those who sized up Sparky on his arrival. "He looks like a mud hen, all right," observed the congressman, who once was an owner himself. "My money's on him as long as the track is wet."

"He looks like what we used to

call a singed cat," observed Judge W. W. Slabaugh. "He's likely to surprise the wise boys, is Sparky Plug."

A belief common in Japan is that to live long one should sleep with the head pointing due north.

China leads all the countries in the production of silk.

Omaha Shriners Reach Capital; Score Big Hit

Recover From Effects of Wreck Enroute to Imperial Conclave—March Down Pennsylvania Avenue.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Washington, June 4.—Representatives of Tangier temple of Omaha arrived in Washington at noon yesterday, three hours behind schedule, to attend the Shrine conclave.

The 71 members of the patrol and uniformed body, making 233 in the Omaha party, counting all present, reported everyone fully recovered from the effects of the train wreck which they experienced in Iowa. Only a few bumps and slightly strained necks are the remaining souvenirs of that unpleasant experience. The trip, with this exception, is described as being pleasant.

The Omaha Shriners marched from the Union station to the rear of the Senate office building where their pictures were taken, after which they marched down Pennsylvania avenue to their respective hotels. The patrol and band, under the direction of E. E. Sterricker, made a splendid impression on the cheering crowd that had turned out to greet them.

Howard M. Goulding, potentate, together with the other official delegates, Alva Smith, Frank M. Patton and Past Potentate J. Dyart, are making their headquarters at the Washington hotel, just across the street from the Treasury building.

Sesotri temple of Lincoln, of which Gen. John J. Pershing is a member, has 81 representatives in the city. Taberna temple of Hastings is not yet officially represented.

Staid old Washington, jarred from its semi-southern leisure, never presented so gay a scene as it did last night. The brilliant uniforms of the various patrols and the ever-present fez gave the city the appearance of having been captured by the Turk. Banners were hung everywhere, while historic Pennsylvania avenue, from which auto traffic was barred with radio music pouring out from every electric light pole, and with every building brilliantly lighted, was crowded from curb to curb.

A thunder shower interfered with the early part of the evening, but resulted in cooling off what has been a typically Washington sizzling hot summer day.

Thirty-Two Wedding Guests Are Poisoned

By International News Service.

New York, June 4.—Thirty-two wedding guests, including bride and groom, were poisoned early today while partaking of a wedding banquet.

Conrad Kissel, 24, and his pretty 22-year-old bride, who was Mary O'Connell, and six of the guests, were taken to a hospital. Four others were taken home. Twenty-one others recovered so that medical attention was not necessary.

Members of the party collapsed as the wedding cake was about to be cut. The blame was put on the chicken salad.

Test Cases on Maternity Bill Dismissed by High Court

By Associated Press.

Washington, June 4.—The cases brought to determine the constitutionality of the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill were dismissed for want of jurisdiction today by the supreme court, which refused to pass upon the validity of the law.

Judge Sutherland, announcing the court's opinion that the cases could not be considered on their merits, pointed out that the cases in which

the court hitherto assumed jurisdiction differed from the maternity cases which present only political and not judicial questions.

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