RECREATION AT RESORTS

Warm Rays from a Sabbath Sun Cause a Demand for Shady Spots.

ON THE BREEZY BEACH AT COURTLAND

Boating and Bathing in Popular Favor with the Crowd—Some Picknickers Daily with Deviled Ham—Music Has Charms at Hanscom Park.

The traveler who has girdled the earth, who has sped from zone to zone, and who has tarried beneath the sunny skies of far away Italy, never formed a conception of a more perfect and ideal summer day than was enjoyed by the people of this community yesterday. While it was hot, with the mercury hugging the nineties, there was just enough breeze to prevent the heat from being oppressive, though it drove the thousands to he cool retreats that surround the city. Courtland beach, Omaha's favorite resort, got even more than its share.

Like a great ball of red fire the sun mounted to the zenith, where it hung like a moulten mass, "zizzling" hot, making one feel like hunting some cool and sheltered nook. Scarcely had this great orb of light and day reached the meridian when the pleasure-loving people commenced to seek the shores of Cut Off lake that glistened like a jewel on the bosom of a queen. There all day long they lounged about the broad balconies of the pavilion, boated on the bosom of the lake, bathed in its waters, or else stood upon the sandy shores and watched the little wavelets as they rolled in with merry music and played over the pebbled beach that extends along the miles of frontage.

The crowd was composed of the bright belles and beaux of society, the honest laboring men with their families, and clerks from the hundreds of stores and shops, and the hearty, healthy business men, constituting a congregation of citizens of which any city could take pride in pointing to and claiming as its own. Some brought their lunches and made a day of the stay, while others went out early in the morning, spent the forenoon, returned to their homes for dinner and then went back to the charming little watering place to do the balance of the day.

People Enjoyed Themselves.

The beach was in holiday attire and presented a most pleasing appearance, everything being as bright and clean as the kitchen of a tidy housewife. The hundreds of row and sail boats were trimmed for the occasion, the pavilion was fresh with the odor of new paint and the boat house furnished a striking exhibition of the effects of soap and water, liberally and frequently applied. All of these things were appreciated by the crowd, for the people who were there were those who had followed the old injunction that "cleanliness is next to godliness," and they were just looking for such a place.

"Did those people enjoy themselves?" asked one of the returning passengers on the motor.

They did, or else their actions went for naught, for all day long they boated, swam or flitted about the shady and spacious grounds; they gamboled on the clean, white sand, they rode the gravity railroad, listened to the strains of the Boyd theater orchestra and did a thousand and one other things that were convincing evidence that it was a pleasure to put in a day at Courtland.

Manager Griffiths, who is rapidly endearing himself in the hearts of the people and at the same time convincing them that he is the right man in the right place, was everywhere present to see that the wants of his patrons were receiving the proper attention. Through his efforts the beach is becoming more popular as each day passes away, as he has succeeded in establishing the fact that the rights of all respectable persons will be protected while upon the grounds.

During the evening the crowd was even greater than during the day, and for a time the capacity of the motor line was somewhat taxed in handling the throng that went up from the city, but this was of short duration, for extra cars were pressed into the service, and everything went as merry as a marriage bell until the last one of the pleasure-seekers left the place, which was shortly before midnight.

Manager Griffiths said yesterday that he had heard that there was some complaint because the Courtland Beach company was charging an admission fee of 10 cents, but that the complaint came mostly from persons who wanted the earth. The stockholders of the company, he said, did not care for the 10 cents, but they wanted some way in which they could protect the people and the only way to do so was to charge an admission fee. If the gates were thrown wide open the most disreputable of the city would make the lake their nightly headquarters and there would be no way to keep them away. Under the plan now in vogue he said that police regulations had been established and if a drunken, or suspicious person was discovered upon the grounds, he or she was promptly ejected. Aside from that the attractions furnished were better than those of many of the fashionable watering places of the east. By paying the small sum of 10 cents, a man or woman could enter the grounds in the morning and stay all day, listening to one of the best orchestras in the country without any additional charge. The talk of extortion he said was all bosh, as the lunches were furnished at the same price as in the city, while the boating privileges were cheaper than at any of the reputable resorts where the attractions were not half so great.

As the season advances Manager Griffiths will add several new and interesting features. The merry-go-round has been about completed, and in the course of a few weeks there will be balloon ascensions daily, which will be for the exclusive benefit of the patrons of the place.

Hanscom Park.

The sweet strains of music from the Musical Union band was a magnet that drew many people to Hanscom park yesterday afternoon. Amid the cooling shades of this ever popular resort, perspiring Omahans sought relief from the hot smiles of the sun and passed an enjoyable day with their families and friends. All the other parks and public resorts were well patronized. There were also several picnics yesterday. Incidentally, a few fishing parties.

TESTING THE WATER PRESSURE.

Councilman Elsasser Wants to Know if the City is Getting Proper Service.

The American Water Works company, through H. Hyde Rust, receiver, has filed with the city council the semi-annual claim of the company for the rental of fire hydrants. The amount of the claim is $40,000 and covers the period of six months, from the first day of January to the first day of July of this year.

Councilman Elsasser previous to the reading of the bill introduced a resolution in the council instructing the company to make a test of the plant under the following provision of its charter:

The pumping machinery of such water works shall have an easy and aggregate capacity to pump at least 5,000,000 gallons of water each and every twenty-four hours, and shall be increased as the growth of the city and its needs require, and shall have power sufficient to throw at any one time (but not at the same time that the machinery is pumping at the rate of 5,000,000 gallons per day into the reservoir) at the elevation of Fourteenth and Farnam streets, in said city, through one inch nozzles, eight streams of water, each stream to the height of 110 feet, and also at any one time but at a different time than the test aforesaid, at the elevation of the base of the High school building in said city, through one inch nozzles, four streams of water, each stream to the height of 100 feet; and also at any one time, but at a different time from each of the tests aforesaid, two streams of water at the elevation of Eleventh and Pierce streets, two streams of water at the elevation of Fourteenth and Farnam streets, and two streams of water at the elevation of Sixteenth and Grace streets, each stream to the height of 100 feet. The reservoir shall have a capacity of at least 9,000,000 gallons of water.

Before the claim is allowed the Second ward councilman wants a test made to determine if the company is living up to its contract with the city and can meet the requirements of the same. The test under Mr. Elsasser's resolution was to be witnessed by the mayor, council, city engineer, and chief of the fire department. But the council was not prepared to adopt such a resolution and it was referred to the committee on fire and water and the city engineer.

Several months ago the committee on fire and water started an investigation as to the water works company's ability to get up sufficient pressure to throw the streams as high as the contract requires. The members talked fire engines and hydrants awhile and there the matter rested, and the looked for test was not made. Mr. Elsasser wants the company to furnish proof that it can perform its part of the contract with the city before its claim of $40,000 is made, and he believes the test is the only proper manner in which to determine the fact.

SNATCHED FROM DEATH.

Alfred Keifer's Narrow Escape From Drowning in Cut Off Lake.

Alfred Keifer, the well known bookkeeper at the Boston store, had a narrow escape from drowning in Cut Off lake at Courtland beach yesterday afternoon. In company with a couple of friends he engaged a boat and bathing suits and rowed out into the deep water. Mr. Keifer took a plunge into the water from the stem of the boat and was suddenly attacked with cramps and rendered helpless. Before his companions realized his danger he was sinking for the last time. A boat tender on the beach who was watching the party, saw that something was wrong and, hastily pushing out a boat, was soon at the scene. Ae dove into the water and soon brought the drowning man to the surface. After hard work Mr. Keifer was resuscitated and removed to his house. He will recover.

The boatman who effected the rescue was as modest as he was brave and his name is unknown. Messrs. Sam Sunneberg and Hugo Brandies, who were with Mr. Keifer, each presented the hero with $25 in cash and Mr. Keifer will also substantially remember his rescuer.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Andrews Opera company appeared at the Farnam street Theater last evening in Alfred Cellier's beautiful and tuneful opera "Dorothy." Notwithstanding the intense heat the house was well filled and the audience certainly appreciated the work of the performers, for the applause was liberal.

Miss Marie Roe, who took the title role, is a very captivating little woman, and sang and acted her part superbly. Florence Clayton appeared to good advantage in the part of Lydia Hawthorn. She has a clear, strong contralto voice and possesses considerable dramatic ability.

W. H. West as Harry Sherwood was good, and his singing of "Love's Sorrow" in the second act was clever and the prolonged applause was well deserved. The part of Lurcher, the eccentric sheriff, was taken by Ed Andrews, who kept the house in a roar. The company is well balanced and the chorus is above the average.

$400.00 lots $25.00 down; see page 7.

Wyoming University Exercises.

LARAMIE, Wyo., June 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The annual commencement exercises at the University of Wyoming in this city began in the auditorium of that institution last evening by the presentation of the German comedy "Ergensinn." This evening Hon. C. C. Hamlin of Rock Springs delivered an address before the Olympia society, which was followed by a banquet for the members and their friends. The baccalaureate address will be delivered tomorrow afternoon by President A. A. Johnson. There are five graduates of the university this year: Misses Nellie M. Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Alveretta C. Oviatt and Mamie Thompson and Mr. Charles D. Oviatt.

Elected Officers.

TORONTO, June 24.—The lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen has selected San Francisco as the place for holding the next meeting. The following officers were elected: Supreme master workman, Dr. D. H. Shields, Hannibal, Mo.; supreme foreman, Lewis Troy, Chicago; supreme recorder, M. W. Sackett, Meadville, Pa.; supreme receiver, J. J. Acker, Albany, N. Y.; supreme overseer, Joseph D. Riggs, Kansas; supreme guide, John Milne, Essex, Ont.; supreme watchman, B. F. Geiger, Detroit; supreme medical examiner, William C. Richardson, St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Grant Greets Mrs. Davis.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 24.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis arrived here this afternoon and was taken to Cranston's hotel, where she was assigned to rooms nearly opposite to those occupied by Mrs. U. S. Grant. Immediately upon learning of Mrs. Davis' presence in the hotel Mrs. Grant left her room and, stepping out into the hall, met Mrs. Davis as the latter was leaving the elevator. Mrs. Grant grasped her hand and said with much feeling: "I am very glad to see you." The two ladies then went into Mrs. Davis' apartments and had a long talk.

Great Northern's Rates.

CHICAGO, June 24.—The Great Northern route announced the following rates from St. Paul to San Francisco via Seattle and steamer: Forty-one dollars first class, $26 second class. Meals and berths on the steamer included.

$400.00 lots $25.00 down; see page 7.

2 EXCURSIONS EAST

Via the Wabash Railroad.

No. 1. For the Epworth league convention at Cleveland, O., June 29 to July 2. The Wabash, in connection with the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation company, will make a rate of $10 for the round trip from Chicago.

No. 2. For the Y. P. S. C. E. convention at Montreal, July 5 to 9. Only $18 from Chicago via the Wabash. In addition to the regular sleeping cars elegant new tourist cars will be attached to this train at $1.50 per berth.

FOR TICKETS, sleeping berths or a tourist-folder, giving list of side trips, with cost of same, call at the Wabash offices, 201 Clark street and Dearborn station, Chicago; 1502 Farnam street, Omaha, or write G. N. CLAYTON, N. W. P. Agt., Omaha, Neb

Water Rents Due July 1st.

Payable at office, Bee building. 5 per cent discount if paid on or before July 1st. Failure to receive bill will not entitle anyone to discount after July 1st.

Office open till 8 p. m. Wednesdays and Saturdays till July 1st.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of a Prosperous Lodge.

NUPTIALS AT NOON AT ALBRIGHT

Marriage of W. A. Sloan and Miss Laura Chadd—Tips from the Tongue of Rumor—Gossip of the Magic City.

South Omaha lodge No. 53, U. O. T. B. celebrated the fifth anniversary of its organization in a fitting manner yesterday. Lodges Nos. 51 and 52 of Omaha attended in a body and were accompanied by a military band, which furnished excellent music. The members and visitors assembled at Blum's hall at 1:30 o'clock. The members of the local order first met at their hall at Twenty-sixth and N street and marched to Blum's in a body.

After music by the band the crowd was called to order and the presentation and dedication of two flags took place. The presentation to the lodge was made by Miss Minnie Humpert, who was accompanied by Miss Emma Trenkler and Miss Mary Spoettler. One of the flags was a beautiful and costly affair. The other was of silk, containing the stars and stripes. Mr. Joseph Probst accepted the flags on behalf of the lodge and made brief appropriate remarks.

The South Omaha Maennerchor rendered two selections that met with a hearty encore, which was followed by a stirring air from the band. This ended the exercises in the hall for the time being.

A procession was formed in front of the hall, headed by Jack Walters, Herman Zeller and F. J. Eggers, marshals of the day. Next came the carriage containing the young ladies who made the presentation of the flags and Hon. J. Hauck, the speaker of the occasion. Next came the Military band from Omaha, followed by members of the Treubund order from both South Omaha and Omaha on foot and the South Omaha band. Members of the city council, city officials and citizens in carriages brought up the rear of the procession, which was several blocks long. The line of march was from Blum's hall south to Q street, west on Q to Twenty-fourth and north on Twenty-fourth to L, where it turned and came back down Twenty-fourth to N, then east to Twenty-sixth and back to the hall. After the band had stopped playing the Maennerchor sang another song and the address of the day was delivered by Mr. Hauck. His remarks were warmly received by the immense audience which applauded him heartily.

The balance of the afternoon was spent in social conversation and song and in the evening a concert and ball concluded the program for the day.

The newly elected officers of South Omaha lodge No. 53, U. O. T. B., are as follows: A. Fuerst, T. M.; F. Schueler, B. M.; H. Walz, R. S.; R. Hartig, F. S.; F. Hupert, treasurer; J. Sticher, guard; L. Kachommell, custodian; W. Shoening, I. G.; A. Backhaus, O. G.; W. Bauer, member of executive board; S. S. Remer and E. Jorden, flag barriers.

Nuptials at Noon.

At the Albright Methodist Episcopal church yesterday, at high noon, a very pleasant wedding took place. The participants were Mr. William A. Sloan and Miss Laura M. Chadd, both of this city, Miss Zoe Chadd, the sister of the bride, acting as bridesmaid and W. Reed Dunroy as groomsman. Rev. William Van Buren of North Bend officiated.

The bride wore a pearl gray crepe du chene dress trimmed with white lace with hat and gloves to match. She also wore a corsage bouquet of white lilies. The bridesmaid wore a cream colored challie with pink silk trimmings. The church was filled with invited guests, and after the ceremony the bride and groom received the congratulations of their many friends. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents on Twenty-fourth and N streets.

The couple were the recipients of many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan will be at home to their friends at Twenty-first and Wyman streets after July 1.

Magic City Gossip.

John Keenan of Sioux Falls is in the city the guest of his brother, Al.

The ladies of the Albright Methodist Episcopal church will give an ice cream social Tuesday night.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church will give a lawn social tonight at the residence of William McCollister.

An interesting game of base ball was played yesterday by Swift's Winchesters and the Cudahy Rexs which resulted, Swifts 12, Cudahys 6.

W. H. Gleason's store, located between South Omaha and Albright, was closed on Saturday evening on mortgage held by Sloan, Johnson & Co.

The exhibit of art and other handiwork of the pupils will be on exhibition today and tomorrow, when all persons who wish can call and inspect the display.

All persons who have taught school in South Omaha will meet tonight at the residence of Mrs. James Phillips for the purpose of organizing a teachers association.

The father of Mark Gleason arrived from Ashland yesterday and had placed his son under the care of Dr. Ernhout to be treated for insanity. Young Gleason has been held at the police station for several days waiting to hear from his parents. In the meantime his father has been making inquiry all over the state to locate him.

In making the announcement that all would be welcome to attend the reception given by the alumni to the graduates, Mr. Cheek says that he was requested to do so by Superintendent Monroe, and if any mistake was made it is the professor's fault, that the announcement was not voluntary on his part by any means.

Laughed at Locksmiths.

The festive burglar tore great holes in the Sabbath by going through C. W. DeLamatre's residence at 1620 Corby street yesterday morning. As is Mr. DeLamatre's usual custom on Sundays, he attended church, but, before he started, he left things at home in good shape, bolting all of the doors and windows, thus bidding defiance to all of the burglars in the city. When he returned from his morning devotions he was surprised upon opening the front door to observe that the entire contents of the house were upside down. Drawers had been pulled from the dressers, trunks had been turned inside out and the eatables of the pantry had been spilled over the floor. An account of stock was at once taken, with the result that there were nothing that was discovered to be missing. To get into the house the burglar had cut the slats from one of the rear windows, turned the lock, and then he had free and easy sailing.

A NEW WAY OF DOING IT.

How the First Nickel-Steel Gun Will Be Put Together.

The experiment soon to be tried at the Washington navy yard of the assembling of the first nickel-steel gun, under a new process, says the Star, is attracting considerable interest in ordnance circles. The new process contemplates the jacketing of the gun in a horizontal position instead of in the usual perpendicular manner. The jacket or outer section of the gun is placed in a furnace containing an intense heat, and is kept in the furnace under the influence of the heat while the tube, or inner section, is pushed into place. During the operation a stream of water is run through the tube, keeping the temperature of the tube lower than that of the jacket, and removing it as far as possible from the expanding influence of the heat.

By this process, it is thought, it will be possible to control the jacketing to a greater extent than by the present method, which requires the jacket to be heated in a furnace and then taken out and placed on the tube. This process serves to communicate the heat in the jacket to the tube, which is also expanded while the jacket cools, the result being to prevent the jacket sticking before it reaches its proper position over the tube.

Bishop Scanlan's Silver Jubilee.

SALT LAKE, June 24.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bishop Scanlan who, for twenty years has presided over the diocese of Utah and Nevada, was given a silver jubilee today in this city by his priests and parishoners. An eulogistic sermon was preached by Father Cushnahan and in the afternoon an elaborate banquet was spread in Bishop Scanlan's honor, at which he was presented with two purses, one from Salt Lake and the other from the Ogden congregation, amounting to about $1,500. Twenty-five years ago today Bishop Scanlan was ordained as a priest in the Catholic church.

Lack of Precedent.

San Francisco Argonaut: A professor who used to teach the grandfathers of the present generation of students objected to the pronunciation of "wound" as if it was spelled "woond," and his students used to hunt for chances to make him explain his objections. One day he stopped a student who was reading to the class and said: "How do you pronounce that word?"

"Woond, sir."

The professor looked ugly and replied: "I have never foond any groond for giving it that soond. Go on."

Drexel-Brown.

Augustus R. Drexel, son of Frederick Drexel, and Miss Minnie Marie Brown were married Thursday at 2 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, 2013 Douglas street, in the presence of about fifty of their relatives and friends. The newly married couple left in the afternoon for Chicago and the lakes, where they will remain about a month. On their return they will be at home at 1248 South Tenth street.

Costly Bridges.

MONTREAL, June 24.—Governmental inquiry into the building of two iron bridges across the Lachine canal at Montreal is unearthing one of the biggest public works scandals ever discovered in Canada. The original sum voted for the two bridges was $175,000 but the work has already cost $600,000 and is not yet completed.

Your Summer Trip

Can now be arranged at the Chicago & Northwestern Railway ticket office, 1401 Farnam street, where very low excursion tickets, east, west and north, are now on sale.

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