WHEN THE DOG STAR WANES

Signs Indicating that the Summer Saunterer Will Soon Return Home.

EVENTS WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE WEEK

Moonlight Picnics Now Are the Rage—Miss Hartman Gives a Jolly Porch Party with Dancing Added—Wedding in Jewish Circles.

The discontinuance of the Spirit lake sleeper last week is the first indication of the approach of fall. While there has been no marked change in the heat, "Old Sol" having scorched almost everything in the vegetable line a dull brown, there are signs, however, that show society is getting ready to don its war paint and feathers once more for another social season.

While it is entirely too early to prognosticate as to the gayeties of the year, it is pretty safe to assume that the season of 1894-5 will be a quiet one. There are few debutantes to launch upon the social sea, so that last year's fair ones will have a second season without having to take back seats for the girls who will experience what it really means to be "in the swim."

Many of the swells took advantage of the "Last Days of Pompeii" last week and organized little Pompeiian parties, with a petite supper afterwards. But the events socially have been exceedingly few, with little prospect of a brightening of the social skies until the leaves turn golden and there is a touch of frost in the air.

Fifty Years Happily Married.

They have lived well who, after fifty years of happy wedded life, with loving children standing by their side and children's children playing on their knee, look back through five decades of tempest, sunshine, grief and hope and see again their happy wedding day. Of all the happy brides and grooms that plight their troth before the altar and mankind how few see half a century pass away and leave them still together treading life's downward pathway side by side and meeting age with hearts that still are young.

Just fifty years ago Tuesday Colonel George Armstrong of this city was married at Chillicothe, O., to Miss Julia Ewing. Tuesday evening all their living children gathered at their home at 990 North Twenty-fourth street to celebrate their golden wedding. The gathering was a complete surprise to Colonel and Mrs. Armstrong, who had no knowledge of the event until the house was invaded by the family party, who left nothing wanting to make the evening one of unalloyed enjoyment to the wedding couple.

Colonel Armstrong is at once one of the oldest and best known citizens of Omaha. He moved here in 1854 from Chillicothe, O., where he was the editor of the Ancient Metropolis, which was at that time was one of the leading dailies of the state. Being well pleased with Nebraska, he went back to Ohio and returned with his wife in the following year. His Omaha citizenship dates from that time, and in his forty years of residence here he has had no little part in building up the present prosperous city.

Soon after his settlement here he formed a partnership in the brick manufacturing business, the firm name being Bovey & Armstrong. They obtained the contract for the erection of the old capitol on the present site of the High school building, and this and several other buildings of the early Omaha were erected under his supervision. He was twice elected mayor of the city, and at the time of the breaking out of the war was probate judge of Douglas county. Deciding to enter the United States service he was commissioned senior major of the Second Nebraska cavalry, and he afterward recruited the first battalion of the Nebraska Veteran cavalry, of which he held the command. After distinguished service through the war he was breveted lieutenant colonel.

He was appointed clerk of the district court soon after the organization of the state government in 1865, and retained that position for ten years. He afterward served for some years as chief deputy collector of internal revenue under Collector Robb.

As the result of their union there were present at the golden wedding Tuesday evening three children and five grandchildren. The children are E. L. and G. R. Armstrong of this city, and Mrs. George S. Gould of Bellwood, Neb. The grandchildren are Frank L., Edgar A., Mae and J. Marie Armstrong and Miss Roberta Gould.

Although Colonel Armstrong has seen three-quarters of a century of life he is still strong and healthy, looking fully ten years younger than he is. Mrs. Armstrong is five years younger than her husband, and the hand of time has touched her no more heavily. While surrounded by their children and happy memories of the past they seemed to feel as young as any of the company, and entered into the festivities of the occasion with all the enthusiasm of middle age. During the evening the David City Glee club called and sang several old-time songs, and light refreshments were served. Those present were: Colonel and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Gould of Bolwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Pletter, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rosewater, Mr. and Mrs. Bebee, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Urian, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Snow, David City; Misses Fannie and Flora Pinto, Marshalltown, Ia.; Miss Neely, Bellwood; Miss Roberta Gould, Mr. Ames Gould, Mr. Wilson Gould, Colonel S. S. Curtis, Misses Mae and Marie and Mr. Frank Armstrong.

Pleasing Musicale.

A very pleasing musicale was held at the home of Mr. L. V. and Miss Patch Friday evening, the program being as follows:

Part I.

Zampa Overture (duet).....
.....Misses Patch and Stout
Vocal Selection .....Omaha View Quartet
Rocky Brooklet Polka .....Miss Cameron
Afterwards .....Miss Olive Sheldon
Heart's Delight, Waltz .....Aline Patch
Love's Golden Dream .....
.....Miss Duncan and Mr. Patch

Part II.

Orange Grove (trio).....
.....Misses Cameron, Stout and Patch
Calvary .....Mr. L. V. Patch
Piano Solo .....Miss Stout
Pauline .....Miss Bessie Cameron
Vocal Selection .....Omaha View Quartet

Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment, after which the company was entertained in different ways. A number of the State university boys who were present congregated in the yard and gave the university yell, as well as singing several college songs. This roused patriotism among the members of the O. V. D. S., of which the majority of the gentlemen present were members. After they had blended their well trained voices in the execution of their yell the company dispersed.

Those present were: Misses Anna Cameron, Bessie Cameron, Leo Sheldon, Olive Sheldon, Mollie Lucas, Maud Duncan, Gertrude Chapman, Ella Gosney, Anna Gossey, Gertie McCulloh, Jessie Evans, Mathilda Evans, Maud Johnson, Minnie Stout, Lena Mangum, Bertha Robertson, Anna Christy, Miss Rhodes, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Vernon; Messrs. Roy Moore, Herman Wallace, Howard Parmelee, Silas Wallace, Ed Lucas, John Price, John Gosney, Willis Dean, Oliver Chambers, Tom Brenneman, Andrew Bock, Ned Von Dorn, David Haines, Mr. Dickson.

Fun in Hanscom Park.

One of the most enjoyable moonlight picnics of the week was given Wednesday evening by Misses Cornish and Goodyear. The company met at Hanscom park about 8 o'clock and proceeded to enjoy themselves by starting some of the most delightful games that have been played in the park this season. This kind of fun continued until about 10 o'clock, when everybody was ordered to report at the "Band Stand," where most delicious refreshments were served to the hungry funmakers. After everybody had appeased their hunger they once more proceeded to enjoy themselves until a late hour.

The following were present: Misses Blanch Cattin, Blanche Doherty, Fannie Doherty, Tillie Nelson, Edna Moore, Dora England, Maggie Casey, Annie Cusack, Annie O'Neil, Addie Doherty, Louisa Vourwall, Clara Vourwall, Emma Vourwall, Annie Heywood, Ella Cornish, Nellie Butler, Lizzie Landrock, Edith Vinquist, Hilda Vinquist, Julia Dailey, Katie Dailey, Nellie Dailey, May Mella, Ella Barnes, Mrs. Kinneson, Mamie Muldoon, Katie Kusack, Mabel Cornish, Fannie Goodyear, Messrs. George Elton, Ambrose Ellington, Will Knopp, Joe O'Hanlon, Jim O'Hanlon, Enoch Ellison, Walter Nixon, Walter Conklin, Mr. Shark, Will Grady, Matt Walker, Dennis O'Neil, Dan Butler, Frank Clinchard, Will Clinchard, Jim Daily, John Daily, Mr. Severson, Mr. Lewis, Charles Norris, John McNair, Art Carlin, Harry Perkins, Mr. Andersen, Herold Blake, Will Ruf, Mr. Howell, Mr. Underhill, Will Hart, Mr. Quinn.

Moonlight Picnic.

Something that is not seen every day in the week was the moonlight picnic given Thursday evening by Ambrose Ellington, assisted by Miss Julia Dailey, in honor of the departure of Mr. Alvin Edling, who left Wednesday morning on the 7:30 train for Texas.

The happy "moonshiners" met at Seventeenth and Burt streets, and then proceeded at once to Hanscom park, where they were met by eight other couples and the well known Wood Bros. musical sketch team, who filled the park with sweet strains of music. The party after resting a little indulged in some outdoor games which they enjoyed very much, because it was just the right temperature, and at 10 o'clock a delicious supper was served to the hungry pilgrims by Miss Dailey, Mr. McNair and Mr. Ellington.

Those taking part in the fun were: Misses Lula Thurber, Mabel Flood, Nellie Dailey, Annie Heywood, Katie Cusack, Fannie Goodyear, Franc Gulliton, Katie Dailey, Sadie Hill, Julia Dailey, Nora Haggerty, Jeanette Gardiner, Ida Gardiner, Grace Mille, Mary David, Leona Felber, Maggie O'Gorman, Jennie Siefkin, Annie David, Emma Duncan, Evelyn Van Dorn, Minnie Downing, Ada Heyanan, May Devine, Maggie Casey, Miss Showler, Mimmie Gerney and May Hill. Messrs. Frank Newcomb, Ambrose Ellington, Will Knopp, Fred Gerney, Frank Bazelle, William Edgehill, Ned Van Dorn, Fred Van Dorn, George Elton, Howard Heyman, John McNair, Alvin Edling, Mr. Robinson, Hal Howes, J. T. Austin, John Linblade, A. G. Griffith, John Quinn and A. B. Habbaggear.

Entertained the Omaha Lawn Tennis Club.

Friday evening Miss Hattie Cady entertained at a lawn and porch party at her residence on Chicago street the guests and members of the Omaha Lawn Tennis club. Messrs. Whitman and Emmert of the Country club of Kansas City, Messrs. Nicholson and Farquhar of Le Mars, Guilmette of Hastings, Rice of Ottumwa, Chatelain and Crockwell of Council Bluffs, and Noteware of Chicago have been playing in the tournament.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Miss Cady, as the ladies and club members were grouped on the lawn. Mr. De Roy Austin of Omaha won the first prize in singles, a sterling silver cup. Mr. Whitman of Kansas City, who won the second in singles, received a pair of silver hair brushes. To Hart and Young of Omaha, who won the first in doubles, was given each a silver punch ladle, and to the LeMars team, Messrs. Nicholson and Farquhar, who received the second place in doubles, was handed each a handsome mounted cigar box.

The entire evening was a most enjoyable affair and was interspersed with dancing and music from guitars and mandolins.

Those present were: Misses Cady, Colpetzer, Yates, Duryea, Fannie Duryea, Helen Hoagland, Hartman, George, Baum, Sadie Baum, Helen Smith, Miss Lewell of Lincoln, Edith Smith, Palmer, McKell, Brown, Lindsey, Chase, Mabel Taylor, Andreesen, Squires, and Messrs. Whitman, Farquhar, Guilmette, Funk, Battin, Broatch, Noteware, Wheeler, John Dixon, Rustin, Clark, Herbert Rogers, Will Rogers, Caldwell, Haverstick, Hart, R. Young, C. Young, Owen, Colpetzer, Crummer, Allen, Ludington, Cullingham, Millard Hopkins, Pierson, Denise.

A Home Wedding.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Jack was the scene of a pretty wedding on August 22, at Peru, Neb. At the sunset hour Dr. John B. Jack, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Jack, and Miss Maude Backus were united in holy wedlock in the presence of many friends and relatives, Rev. B. Bedell officiating. With the triumphant notes of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," executed by Miss Bedell, the bridal party descended the stair, led by the best man, Mr. Will Gaede, accompanied by Miss Agnes Jack, sister of the groom, an accomplished young lady recently graduated from college, the bride and groom following. In a bower of laces and dainty white ribbons, with intertwining vines of myrtle, beneath the historic wedding bell, these two were made one. Nature, too, must have smiled upon the union of two persons whom she has so richly endowed with gifts of face and figure, while the beaming smiles of the gathered friends were reflected from the great mirror in the rear of the bridal party.

The groom has claimed Peru as his home from childhood. He has traveled extensively and is a cultured young man. The natural beauty of the bride was enhanced by a gown of white brocaded satin. She is one of New York's daughters and upon the death of her parents became an heiress of independent means. The bridesmaid was becomingly attired in white corded silk.

The gifts were beautiful and numerous and will bring many sweet memories to the bride and groom in their new home in Chicago after September 15.

Danced at a Porch Party.

No more delightful situation than a porch tete-a-tete, and no more romantic illumination than Chinese lanterns can be found in this hurly-burly world, but when the two were combined on the roomy porches of the Hartman residence on West Farnam street Wednesday evening the enjoyment of those present at the informal porch party given by Miss Pearl Hartman can only be imagined. Dancing to the music of an Italian orchestra, interspersed with visits to a prettily embowered punch bowl in one corner, were among the pleasures of the evening.

Those present were: Congressman and Mrs. D. H. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Barkalow, Misses Sue Colpetzer, Nellie Moore, Louie Drake, Hattie Cady, Amy Barker, Bessie Norton, Jessie Sturgis of Cleveland, Margaret Brown, George, Lulu George, Blanche George, Harriet Short, Sharp, Parker, Messrs. Patterson of West Point, Bert Cook, Harry Jordan, H. Wilkins, W. J. Frye, J. Ritchie, Carrol Carter, Ed McMahon, Dr. George Nason, Edgar Hastings, Victor Rosewater, C. C. George, Ed. George, Gould Dietz, Warren Blackwell, Lal Johnson, W. H. Clarke, Harlie Short.

Delightful Tallyho Party.

A most enjoyable tallyho party was given last Friday evening by Miss Mabel Barber of 2115 California street. After driving about the streets of the city the party visited the fort and Courtland beach, where refreshments were served, and a jolly time was had. The party were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Barber.

Those enjoying the ride were: Misses Grace Allen, Fredericka Wessels, Fannie Gilbert, May Mount, Nellie McShane, May McShane, Marion Day, Edith Cooley, Alice Drake, May Bartlett, Ora Rowe, Berdie Balbach, Edna Robinson. Messrs. Bert Raymond, Clarence Gallagher, George Gilbert, Ralph Crandall, Russell Wilber, Harry Lindsay, Fred Hartman, Arthur Cooley, Will Hughes, Arthur Kenniston, Frank Cooley.

A Bicycle Outing.

Last Thursday evening a bicycle party, officered by Messrs. Waite and Abel, was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sunderland, who have recently returned from their wedding journey. They each have new Warwicks, and are as graceful on their wheels as they are enthusiastic in cycling. After a very enjoyable "run" to Hanscom park and Fort Omaha, refreshments were indulged in down town. It was noticed that several of the ladies were regulation "bike" suits, in which they looked very pretty and comfortable. It will not be long until the bifurcated costume will be the common garb for lady cyclists. Others in the party were Miss DeLand from Washington City, Miss Brown of Council Bluffs, Misses Root, McIlor and Dunn, Messrs. Schwolenberg, Butterfield and Grant.

Schlesinger and Mayer.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was solemnized at the Metropolitan club on Wednesday last at 2 o'clock, Miss Sadie Schlesinger, daughter of Mrs. D. Schlesinger of Omaha, and Mr. Theodore Mayer of Schuyler, Neb., being the contracting parties.

The rooms were prettily decorated with palms, smilax and roses, while a beautiful marriage bell hung suspended in the handsome cast window of the parlors. Rev. Franklin read the marriage service, the wedding party being preceded by little Hazel Hostetter, maid of honor, and Masters Cecil Hostetter and Melvin Mayer. These were followed by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Mayer, then the groom, accompanied by Mrs. Schlesinger, and lastly the bride and her brother, Mr. Samuel Schlesinger. The bride, who is a beautiful, stately, young woman, wore a handsome white satin gown, covered with rare old lace, bodice of tulle and pearl girdle. After the ceremony an elegant dinner was served in the dining room of the club, the bride and groom leaving at 6 p. m. for an extended trip through the east.

Moonlight Picnic and Dance.

The Junior Social club gave the fourth of a series of moonlight picnics and dances at Irvington Wednesday evening. Dancing was indulged in until midnight, when delicious refreshments were served, after which dancing was continued until 2 o'clock.

Among those present were the following: Misses Mamie Gibson, Nettie Gibson, Laura Gray, Rose Brewer, Virginia Savage, Georgia Moore, Jennie Richards, Jessie Atherton, Edith Howe, Maggie McCann, Flo Fredericks, Jennie Flannigan, Mollie Nelson, Vill Croft, Rill Croft, Ida Bunn, Iola Gaff, Lida Baylor, Grace Gordon; Messrs. J. P. Gibson, W. A. Gordon, C. C. Dawson, W. A. Moore, Bert Coombs, W. L. Rowan, William Baxter, I. Brader, M. A. Jones, D. J. Brewer, Edwin Oliver, Frank Newcomb, Bud Baxter, William Pamp, Frank Hoteling, D. G. Green, Peter Hiller, Henry Nelson, Frank Templer, F. Barber, L. Anderson, J. Rosey, A. D. Bennett, M. A. Welch, Sam Ellington, Sam Wiggins, W. T. Hendricks, Frank Selton.

Celebrated Her Birthday.

Miss Alice Shepherd celebrated her 16th birthday Saturday evening, August 11, at her home, 3412 Franklin street. Music, dancing, games and cards were the enjoyments of the evening. Those present were: Misses Emily Twiss, Ada Twiss, Florence Twiss, Maggie Brown, Emily Brown, Laura Messersmith, Dennie Fenton, Beatrice Bailey, Lottie Hodder, Bertha Pixton, Fanny Hurst, Kate Kelly, Olive Kent, Winnie Bennett, Clara Shepherd; Messrs. George Anderson, Tom Stoney, George Stoney, James Stoney, Ernest Messersmith, Tiny Stevens, Eugene Stevens, John Hamer, Ed Lafferty, Frank Harrison, Ed Platner, Julius Carlson, Alfred Willetts, Harold Pixton; Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Pixton, Mrs. Twiss.

Gave a Party for Her Daughter.

Mrs. E. R. Perfect gave a very pleasant party for her daughter, Irene, last Friday from 3 to 6 p. m., to a number of her friends and playmates. Mrs. Perfect was assisted in entertaining the children by Mesdames Perkins, Wood, Fagan, Stewart and Carpenter. Refreshments were served late in the day.

Those invited were: May Weeks, Adelene Fagan, Eloise and Dorris Wood, Kate McClannahan, Helen Ribbel, Edith Lease, Bessie Taylor, Marsha Perkins, Olabel Hervey, Stella Gardner and Florence Templeton, and Willie and Doyce Coryell, Fay and Don Neeley, Morse Taylor, Frank Perkins, Marvie Stewart and Ralph Bailey.

Midsummer Chat.

Miss Elizabeth Allan left for Bayfield, Wis., last Monday.

Dr. S. D. Mercer returned last evening from the city of Gautemala.

Judge and Mrs. Frank Irvine have returned from Estes Park, Colo.

Mrs. Wakefield left with her daughter yesterday for a short visit to St. Joseph.

Mrs. C. C. Cope, jr., has returned from a four weeks' visit to eastern points.

Miss Emma M. Quick, who has been visiting friends in Iowa, has returned home.

George Pundt and Carl Balbach left Tuesday on a two weeks' hunting trip in Idaho.

President Howell of the city council is taking a vacation at the Dakota Hot Springs.

Mr. George A. Joslyn and wife left yesterday for a six weeks' visit to Saratoga Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Baker left Thursday for Chicago to visit her sister for a short time.

Miss Wansner of Grand Island is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Buck, 2019 California street.

Isaac R. Andrews and family returned yesterday from their outing in Colorado and Utah.

Mrs. E. C. Snyder and daughter, Margery, have returned from a month's visit to San Francisco.

Mr. B. M. Webster and Dr. R. W. Bailey have gone to Wyoming for a few weeks on a hunting trip.

Peter Reinhardt of 1824 North Twenty-fourth street leaves today for a thirty days' trip in Germany.

Miss Jessie Allan has returned from her six weeks in Colorado, somewhat improved from her outing.

Mrs. George B. Eddy, her mother, Mrs. Plotner, and two children left yesterday for Colfax Springs.

Mrs. Steve S. Day arrived here from Chicago last Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Meyer.

Mrs. Arthur M. Pinto returned Tuesday from an extended visit with her parents in northern Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibson leave this morning for Hot Springs, S. D., where they will remain for about thirty days.

Miss May Lansing of Lincoln, daughter of Judge I. W. Lansing, is the guest of Miss Gertrude Branch for a few days.

Mrs. Hess-Fuchs, who has been spending her vacation in Chicago, has returned and will resume her classes at once.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yost and Mr. Netherton Hall of this city were registered at the Thorndike in Boston last week.

Miss Anna Foster of Morrison, Ill., and Miss Grace Polglase of Riverside are visiting Miss Mabel Mason of Walnut Hill.

Mrs. H. C. Templar and family have returned after a month's visit to Manitou, Pike's Peak and Colorado Springs.

Dr. H. W. Hyde, accompanied by his family, has removed here from Denver and will make Omaha his permanent home.

Miss Lila Hurlburt of Chicago is spending a few days with Miss Elizabeth Van Sant of 521 South Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Alma Urlau returned Thursday from Colorado, where she spent two pleasant months in the mountains and in Denver.

Mrs. A. Lehman and nephew, Mr. M. H. Ollhouse, returned last week from a month's sojourn in the summer resorts of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Laird (nee Florence Mead of Omaha) spent Sunday at the Murray on their way home from Denver to Chicago.

Mrs. C. Miller and daughter, Jennie, have returned from Logan, Utah, where Mrs. Miller went to attend the funeral of her mother.

Mrs. O. D. Kiplinger and son of this city, and Mrs. William Moore of Council Bluffs, who have been at Colfax, are expected home today.

Mrs. M. A. Hartigan and son, M. A. Hartigan, jr. of Hastings, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hartigan of 1303 Georgia avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peycke left Omaha on Wednesday for an indefinite sojourn in Europe. Their address for the present will be Hamburg.

Mr. Harry V. Burkley, Miss Burkley and their niece, Miss Burkhard, have returned from a month's outing at Omaha beach, Lake Okoboji.

Mrs. William J. McKee, late missionary at Ningpo, China, and her three boys are visiting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Powell of Kountze Place.

Mrs. Salter, wife of Sumner Salter, the well known organist and composer of New York, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles W. Morton of this city.

Miss Ethel Barclay of Council Bluffs has been a guest of Mrs. Carl Reynolds at her home on Twenty-second and Webster streets during the past week.

Miss Hattie E. Cope of Joliet, Ill., is visiting her brother, C. C. Cope, 914 Hickory street, and C. C. Cope, jr., 1005 North Twenty-seventh avenue.

Mrs. S. N. Mealie and granddaughter, Myrtle C. Cole, have gone to Denver and will visit Manitou and Colorado Springs with friends for several weeks.

A pleasant surprise party was given Miss Bertha Sonneborn Monday evening by her little friends at her residence, 617 South Sixteenth street. Games, singing and dancing were enjoyed by the guests, who were: Misses Ada Toy, Ella Prendergast, Josie Rousek, Fannie Sonneborn, Rickie Sonneborn, Annie Shulkensberger, Gracie Meyer, Clara Ricker, Lucy Shulkensberger, Nellie Leir, Clara Winslow, Bertha Sonneborn.

Mme. Norris and Miss Myrtle Norris returned Saturday from a two months' trip at Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., where they have been enjoying the sea baths.

Mrs. S. Lehman and nephew, Mr. M. H. Ollhouse, have returned from several weeks' sojourn at Colorado's famous summer resorts, Manitou and Glenwood Springs.

Mrs. A. F. Sherrill and her mother, Mrs. J. C. Jones of Galesburg, Ill., arrived in Omaha last Tuesday. Mrs. Sherrill is to be the guest of Mr. C. E. Squires this week.

Miss Merriheu of St. Louis is the guest of Mrs. T. B. Wilson. She is a fine vocalist and she will sing the offertory solo at the First Congregational church this morning.

Harvie B. Morse is taking a pleasure trip through Washington, the mountains and California. He will probably be gone a month, but may conclude to extend his trip through the south.

Mr. Scott R. Hayes has been the guest of Mrs. J. C. McKell during the past week. Mr. Hayes is the youngest son of ex-President Hayes, and is engaged in business in Cleveland, O.

Mrs. A. Mandelberg and three children, Walter, Sidney and Rosina, have returned from their eastern trip to Baltimore after a delightful stay of three months. They are now at their new home, 2304 Davenport street.

Will D. Townsend and wife returned Friday from a two weeks' outing in Wyoming. Most of their time while away was spent hunting and fishing in the North Park country and on Boswell's ranch, southwest of Laramie City.

A "dairy maids' carnival" will be given by thirty young ladies in the parlors of the First Methodist church Thursday evening, August 30, at 8 o'clock. After the entertainment the young ladies will serve refreshments from the booths.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Crawl have undertaken the management of the Victoria hotel on Dodge street, formerly the Pullman house. Mr. Crawl was connected with the Merchants and Murray hotels previous to his taking the management of the Victoria, and is a well known hotel man.

The following made up a theater party last evening to the "Last Days of Pompeii;" Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Williams, Mrs. McDowell, Miss Ruby Williams, Miss Mildred Williams, Miss Beneke, Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, Mrs. Smith of Kirkwood, Mo., Mrs. Shriner, Miss Fowler, Mr. Ray Staley, Mr. W. Byles.

A very pleasant lawn sociable was given at the residence of Mrs. Milo C. Roberts at Thirty-eighth and Ames avenue, Druid Hill, last Friday evening in honor of Miss Mabel Fairchilds, who is visiting the residents of the Hill. The lawn was lighted with Chinese lanterns, which were hung in the branches of the trees. During the evening ice cream and a light lunch was served.

A very delightful surprise party was given in honor of Mr. A. Swanson at his home, 720 North Eighteenth street, Thursday evening. Those present were: Millie Asmus, Edith Carlson, Annie Swanson, Hilda Matson, Dora Colseth, A. Sasstrom, Jennie Hilin, Ella Soderholm, Annie Peterson, John Hilin, Dave Larson, Gus Larson, John Swanson, Ed Soderholm, E. Thorson, B. Swanson, Harry Stevenson.

Friday evening the students and their friends of the Omaha Commercial college gave a most enjoyable midsummer festival at their hall, corner Seventeenth and Douglas streets. A pleasing program was rendered in the early part of the evening, which was followed by refreshments. Misses Gibson and Landrock and Messrs. Knopp, Zander and Kunkel served the supper to the sixty-five people present.

Among the Omaha people at Hot Springs, S. D., last week were Ben Gallagher, A. B. Smith, Mrs. Thomas Schumacher, Rev. T. J. Mackay and family, E. L. Stone, wife and daughter, C. N. Dietz and wife, C. S. Raymond and family, Miss Belle Kimball, Miss Nina Marshall, Frank Ransom and wife, Frank White and family, E. B. Branch, wife and daughter, Dick Hall, David Baum, George H. Crosby.

An enjoyable lawn social was given at the residence of Mr. Donovan, 2339 South Thirteenth street, the past week. The grounds were beautifully decorated with Chinese lanterns. Over seventy-five couples took advantage of the orchestral dance music. Mr. Sam Myers and Miss Nannie Kenney assisted cleverly in the entertainment of the evening and Miss Hulda Wieberg received a token in attestation of her merits as a high five player. The ladies who entertained were Miss Beatrice McGuire, E. Fitzpatrick and M. Kennedy.

Hon. D. H. Mercer and his newly made wife have been royally received this week by Omaha people, who are enjoying the opportunity to look upon Mr. Mercer's choice of a helpmate. Mrs. Mercer is a charming woman, possessing many of Popular Dave's accomplishments, and, per consequence, she has already made a wide circle of acquaintances. Mrs. Mercer will shortly go to Minneapolis, her home, which she has not visited recently, and will return later to Omaha to assist her husband in being elected to congress from the "Big Second."

Monday evening at her home, 522 South Twenty-seventh street, Miss Edith McKenzie entertained a few of her young friends in honor of her 15th birthday. Those invited were: Misses Belle and Louise Baker, Doroth Young, Louisa Evans, Minnie Crane, Alta Griffin, Essie Denise, Kate Hayes, Faith Potter, Janet McAusland, Ethel Wilcox, Norma McKenzie, Daniel Denise, Willard Barrows, Harry Wigton, Clarence Potter, Frank Manchester, Charles Woodland, Herbert Woodland, Wylie Johnson, Joe Swartzlander, Aubrey Potter, Louis Sholes, Leon McKenzie.

Tuesday evening about twenty-five young people gathered at the residence of Misses Mabel Crampton and Lulu Stockman, 2830 Harney street, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing a social club. Great interest was manifested in the matter and the club was formally organized. One of the first amusements of the new club will be a hayrack party early this week, which is being anticipated with pleasure. After the business had been completed, Mrs. J. H. Crampton, the hostess, served delicious refreshment. The club will be known as the O. M. B. Social club and will hold its next meeting at 2917 Douglas street Tuesday evening.

The hayrack party given last Wednesday evening and chaperoned by Misses Flora and Nettie Rothschild was a great success and an enjoyable time was had. After traversing the principal streets a halt was made at Balduff's for refreshments, after which the ride was continued to a late hour. Those present were: Misses Elma Rothschild, Bertha Newman, Lena Rehfield, Edna Wise, Cora Becker, Fanny Myers, Selma Fell of Cleveland, O., Jennie Blotsky, Isabella Adler, Kitty Wise of Sioux City, Ia., Messrs. Ed Meritt, B. Rehfeld, S. Blotsky, L. Becker, Herby Oberfelder, Dave Degan, Will Singer, Henry Blath, A. Banks, Harry Baum.

A hard times hayrack party was given by Miss Ray Shiller to her friends Friday evening. The party met at Miss Golman's, Seventeenth and California, and amid the loud blowing of horns the merry crowd drove around town for an hour or more. After a tour of the city the "hayrackers" drove to the Beach, where dancing and a general good time was had. Those present were: Misses Ray Schiller, Nona Golman, Myrtle Stewart, Elsie Van Pelt, Leah Golman, Mary Meyers, Stella Van Pelt, Jennie Farr, Lena Matson, Margaret Kress, Maud McGee, Grace Stein, Katie Miller, Jennie Donaldson; Messrs. William Farr, Eddie Farr, Harry Kemp, Kirk, Bullow, Hardy, Bob Lowe, Peight, Sutton, Perry.

Death of A. C. Osterman.

The news of the death of Mr. A. C. Osterman, well and favorably known in this city as chief clerk of the Omaha Quartermaster's depot during the term of Major John Simpson, quartermaster, U. S. A., at this station, at Spokane, Wash., on the 9th inst., has been received in this city. Mr. Osterman had an honorable war record, having risen to the rank of major of volunteers during the rebellion. He has many friends in Omaha, who will sympathize with his devoted wife in this hour of affliction.

He was laid to rest by the Knights Templar of Spokane on Sunday, the 12th inst.

Meeting of the Fishers.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Interstate Fish Protective association held at the store rooms of the Cross Gun company next Thursday evening for the discussion of important matters. The meeting has been called by President Will Simeral and Secretary W. D. Townsend.

PACIFIC COAST HUSTLERS

Methods Passenger Men Use to Secure Business for Their Respective Lines.

BILLY VICE AS FARCE COMEDY ORIGINATOR

General Superintendent J. A. Fillmore of the Southern Pacific Talks of the Results of the Recent Strike—Twenty-Six Disabled Engines Reported.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—A group of railroad people were sitting about in the rotunda of the Occidental hotel the other evening spinning yarns and dissecting the manner of doing business in the east, when discussion turned upon the methods Pacific coast passenger agents adopt to secure business. In San Francisco there are many passenger men, almost as many as in Chicago, two of whom are enough sight better known than the presidents of the roads they represent, Tom McKay of the Burlington and W. R. Vice of the Union Pacific. Both of these men are representatives of the hustling class of passenger agents, and there is hardly a person of importance in China, Japan, Australia or the islands of the Pacific who does not know either one or both of these men. It is their business to visit personally every steamship that enters the bay of San Francisco, and very often they are twenty-four hours without sleep in order to secure a first introduction to the prospective eastern tourist. They are accompanied on these almost daily visits by interpreters, who are attached to the offices their chiefs represent, and in themselves are interesting characters.

There have been many battles betwen McKay and Vice for eastbound travel, and could the experiences of each be collected it would make a fine addition to the literature of the rail. In appearance the men are in fine contrast. McKay is a tall, angular man, with a decided perchant for good clothes, and is considered by many as one of the best dressed men in San Francisco, a city by no means remarkable for the garb of its male members.

He is suave in manner, considerable of a diplomat, and a royal good fellow, who would probably rather have a personal letter from Her Highness the Duchess of Marlborough testifying to his many accomplishments as a passenger man and courier than receive a raise of $25 per month in his salary. Vice, on the other hand, suggests a well-to-do Nebraska farmer in dress and in carriage, but when after business he shows a keen knowledge of men, possesses a ready adaptability to circumstances, and is withal a fluent talker. In fact, Billy Vice is somewhat of a writer, and with Gratton Donnelly is engaged in writing a farce comedy upon railroad lines, the first act of which is to be located in the city ticket office of the Union Pacific company on Montgomery street, with a section of the Palace hotel and the Crocker-Woolworth building showing in the middle distance, one of the busiest spots in all this town of wooden buildings and bay windows, a city which never thoroughly awakens until after the sun has gone down in fogs that hang heavily over the bay.

Vice had been entertaining the little company of congenial spirits with some of his reminiscences, particularly spending considerable time upon the members of royalty he had obtained for his road, when McKay took a hand in the reminiscent line and told how General Grant patronized the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. "Those of you who were here in 1879," said McKay in his rather slow manner of speaking, "will doubtless vividly remember the interesting times incident upon the arrival of General U. S. Grant from Yokohama on the steamship City of Tokio of the Pacific Mail line. General Grant had just completed his tour around the world. As for the honors he received, they have become matters of history, in fact, no ruler on earth received so many attentions as this simple son of simple parents.

HOW M'KAY CAPTURED GEN. GRANT.

"Some time previous to his expected arrival in San Francisco I had received instructions from the officers of my company to offer General Grant every inducement to patronize the 'Burlington route,' and to leave no stone unturned to secure the business. I was authoried to offer to him every conceivable courtesy in the way of a special train and all appropriate paraphernalia suitable to his rank. The rivalry between myself and other representatives of eastern roads in 'Frisco was most keen, and each one made the most positive boast that he would be the first to meet General Grant and ticket him over his road. Like the rest of them I had also concluded to be first. How to come out victorious and elude my opponents was the question. It was a case of tact and of prompt action, and I realized that the man who first obtained an interview would be the one who would land the prize. As his route would be telegraphed to the Associated press all over the United States, the value of an advertisement of this kind was at once apparent

"I obtained permission to board one of the fleetest tugs in the bay. The tug laid at the dock and awaited the signal when the Tokio should heave in sight. To avoid the possibility of trouble or of a knowledge of my ruse I went aboard the tug and stayed there for two days and nights, not daring to show my head for fear of detection by other railroad men. I had taken the pains to have printed an elaborate set of business cards. I likewise had with me the very best of my wardrobe and the usual faultless silk tile. Thus equipped I waited. At last the afternoon arrived. The first word was received that the Tokio was in sight. Steam was up, and five minutes after the notice our tug was plowing down the bay at a terrific rate. During our course past the wharves we could see the a stir was occasioned by the way we were rushing through the water, and I noticed that many a little tug (probably containing some of my opponents) had observed us and lost no time in casting off and chasing after us; but we had the lead in the race, and after passing Black Point I felt that all my dangerous competitors were left behind. It was not very long before the old Tokio was through the Golden Gate, and fifteen minutes later we were the first ones alongside the big ship. Captain Williams, then one of the general agents, was the first man up the plank, and I followed close upon his heels. Anxious as I was not to lose a single trick, I had presence of mind enough to remain behind Captain Williams, though his hand had hardly left that of the general's before I was in front of the latter and presented my card. I introduced myself and solicited himself and suite for the Burlington. He accepted on the spot. I naturally felt proud of the achievement, especially as I noted the looks of disappointment on the faces of my fellow representatives, some of whom joined the ship almost at my heels. But to make assurance doubly sure, I also had an interview with Mr. John Russell Young, the private secretary, advising him of General Grant's decision. The program was carried out in every detail, and the Burlington got from the Grant episode one of the greatest advertisements that any railroad in the country had received."

There was a satisfied air about McKay as he finished his story, and he leaned back happy in having distanced all competitors on this occasion. Vice had listened patiently, for Vice is a very patient man, to the narrative wich he had heard many times before.

"Now, Tom," said the Union Pacific representative, "tell us about how you got the members of the Hawaiian government, Minister Thurston and the rest." But McKay was silent, in point of fact it was his hated rival who carried off the prize on this occasion, and on many another, for Vice, in his quiet way, has a faculty of interesting people, and in his easy, off-hand manner of talking, never fails to win respect, if he does not get the business. Both men have large clientele; they represent two great corporations, and the chase for business becomes positively exhilarating to those who stand off and watch the coursers run