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REVIVE BIG HOTEL PROJECT

Dean Brothers and Their Architect Spend Day in Omaha.

HAVE CONSULTATION WITH P. E. ILER

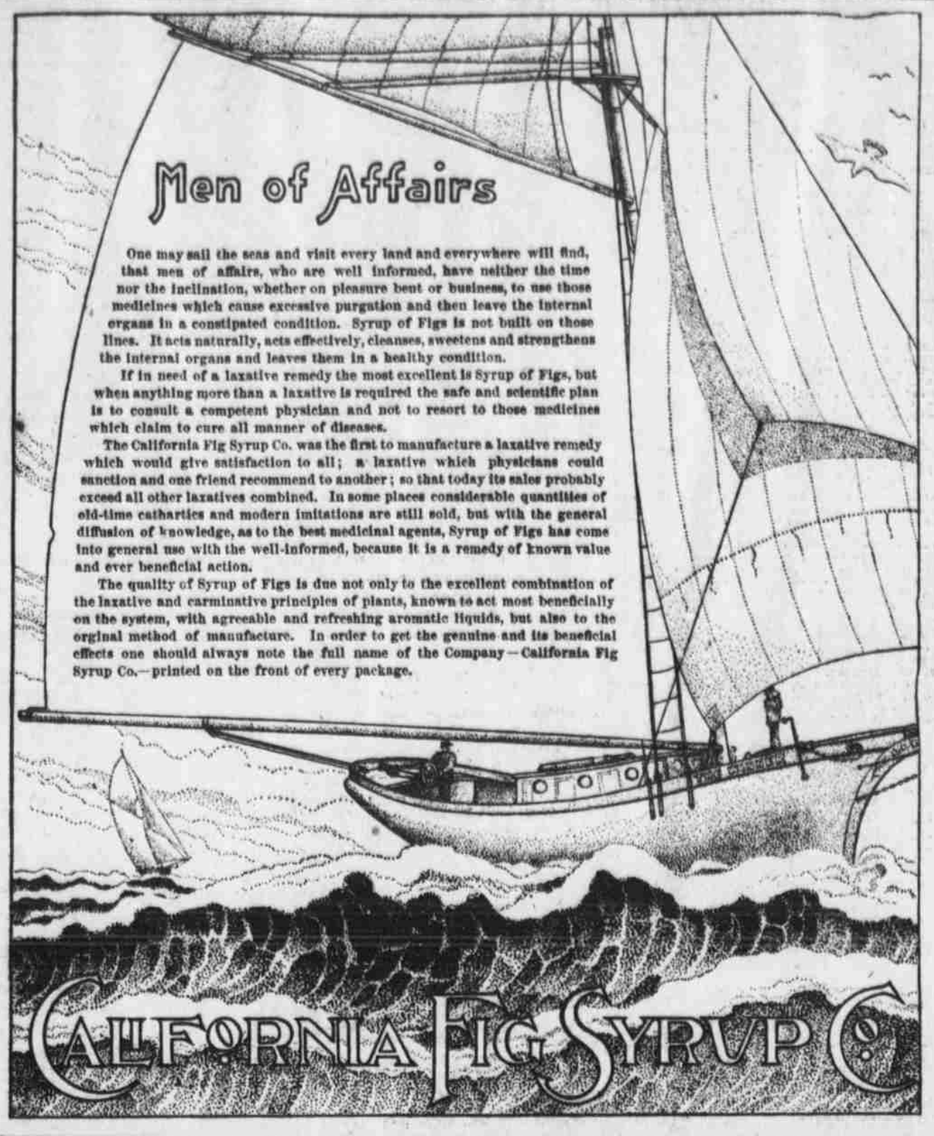
Plans of the Hotel Men Not Ready for Publication, but They May Take the Murray Temporarily.

The prospects for a new fireproof hotel in Omaha were somewhat brightened yesterday by the appearance in the city of the two Dean brothers and Louis Curtiss, a Kansas City architect. It is the Deans who have a deal on with P. E. Iler for the erection of a ten-story hotel at the corner of Sixteenth and Howard streets, the particulars of which were published in The Bee some weeks ago, and it was this deal that brought the Kansas City hotel men to Omaha yesterday with their architect.

"We are up here looking over the ground," said one of the Deans last night as he boarded a train for Kansas City, "but we have not yet made any arrangements for a hotel in Omaha. We have been in consultation with Mr. Iler during the day, but there is positively no information to be given to the public at this time in regard to our plans. The publication of our business in Omaha at this time would probably be an injury to all parties concerned, and for that reason we have nothing to say."

It was reported that the Deans contemplate taking the Murray hotel in the near future, making extensive alterations and improvements in the building, including the provision of a large grillroom, and operating the house until the proposed new Iler Grand can be built, which will be for about five years. It will be two years before Rome Miller's lease of the present Iler Grand expires, and another year will pass before other tenants of the property can be forced to give up possession. Therefore, in case the Deans finally arrange with Mr. Iler for the erection of a new house, it will be several years before work can be started.

When asked as to the Murray hotel proposition the Deans laughed and said there was nothing in it. "It is the first we have heard of it," said one of them.



NO JURISDICTION IN CASE

Basis on Which Supreme Court Denies Bill Against Merger.

REJECTS MINNESOTA'S APPLICATION

President Hill of Northern Securities Says He Expected Decision—Governor Van Sant is Not Dismayed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The United States supreme court today delivered its opinion in the case of Minnesota against the Northern Securities company in application of the state to file a bill of complaint in that court. The opinion was read by Justice Shiras and the motion for leave to file the bill was denied on the ground that this court was without jurisdiction.

This is the case in which the state of Minnesota made effort to secure the intervention of the supreme court to prevent the merging of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroad companies by injunction. Justice Shiras summed up the judgment of the court as follows:

As the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies are indispensable parties, without whose presence the court, acting as a court of equity, cannot proceed, and as our constitutional jurisdiction would not extend to the case if those companies were made parties defendant, the motion for leave to file the proposed bill must be and is denied.

Summary of the Case.

The opinion is a voluminous one, but the greater part of it is a review of the history of the case. Summarizing the charge and the relief sought, Justice Shiras says:

The case presented by the charges and prayers of the bill is that the state of Minnesota is apprehensive that a majority of the stockholders, respectively, of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies, respectively, have combined and have made an arrangement through the organization of a corporation of the state of New Jersey whereby such consolidation or what is alleged to amount to the same thing, a joint control and management of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies, shall operate in such a way as to overrule the policy of the state to prohibit the consolidation of parallel and competing lines of railway, and therefore appeals to a court of equity to prevent by injunction the operation and effect of such a combination and arrangement.

He then stated that the question to be determined was whether the parties to the case were before the court and he held that it was obvious that the minority stockholders of the two railroad companies are not represented in the controversy by the companies whose stock they hold and their rights ought not to be affected without a hearing, even if it were conceded that a majority of the stock in such companies, held by a few persons, had assisted in forming some sort of an illegal arrangement. Moreover, it must not be overlooked that it is not the private interests of stockholders that are to be alone considered.

Must Protect Public Rights.

The opinion then continued:

The directors of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies are appointed to represent and protect, not merely the private and pecuniary interests of the stockholders, but the rights of the public at large, which is deeply concerned in the proper and advantageous management of these public highways. It is not sufficient to say that the attorney general or the governor or even the legislature of the state can be conclusively deemed to represent the public interests in such a controversy as that presented by the bill. Even a state, when it voluntarily becomes a complainant in a court of equity, can not claim to represent both sides of the controversy. Not only have the stockholders, be they few or many, a right to be heard through the officers and directors whom they legally selected to represent them, but the general interests of the public, which might be deeply affected by the decree of the court, are entitled to be heard and that when the state is the complainant and in a case like the present can only be effected by the presence of the railroad companies as parties defendant.

Upon it might turn out that the allegations of the bill are well founded and that the state is entitled to relief, or it might turn out that there is no intention or design on the part of the railroad companies to form any combination in disregard of the policy of the state, but that what is proposed is consistent with the policy and advantageous to the communities affected. But in making such investigation a court of equity must insist that both sides of the controversy shall be adequately reported and fully heard.

When it appears to a court of equity that a case, otherwise presenting ground for its action, cannot be dealt with because of the absence of essential parties, it is usual for the court, while sustaining the objection to grant leave to the complainant, to amend by bringing in such parties. But when it likewise appears that necessary and indispensable parties are beyond the reach of the jurisdiction of the court or that when made parties, the jurisdiction of the court will thereby be defeated, for the court to grant leave to amend would be useless.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan was present when the opinion of the court was delivered.

VanSant is Determined.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 24.—The announcement of the United States supreme court decision against the application of the state of Minnesota for leave to file suit against the Northern Securities company was received in this city today without surprise. President Hill of the Northern Securities company, when notified by the representative of the Associated Press, refused to discuss the opinion of the court, contenting himself with the remark that it was no more than he had anticipated several weeks ago. Governor Van Sant was not inclined to express any views on the matter, and Attorney General Douglass was also averse to saying anything. It is known, however, that since the announcement by United States Attorney General Knox that he would bring suit against the Northern Securities company, under the Sherman act, the state officials here have looked for just such a decision as that now announced by the United States supreme court. Such action by the federal officials will not be allowed to stop further action by the state of Minnesota, but no decision has yet been made as to the form such proceedings will take.

Later in the day Governor Van Sant gave the following brief statement to the Associated Press:

"It cannot be stated positively what will be the method of proceeding until the text of the decision of the supreme court on the question of jurisdiction is known. The state will proceed in some manner at once and exhaust every means in its power to enforce its laws and protect its rights."

FIFE CONFIDENT OF ACQUITTAL

Trial of Murder Case Against Him Now Under Way at Savannah, Missouri.

SAVANNAH, Mo., Feb. 24.—The case of Stewart Fife, charged with complicity in the killing of Frank W. Richardson, a well-to-do merchant, was called here today. Fife was a young society man and an associate with Richardson in business. Mrs. Addie B. Richardson, widow of the dead man, was charged jointly with Fife with the murder, and in her trial last month the state endeavored to show that her alleged relations with Fife served as a motive for the crime. The jury acquitted Mrs. Richardson in half an hour. Fife, who was arrested at North Yakima, Wash., two months ago, is confident of being set free and says: "I was nowhere near the Richardson home on the night of the murder, and my arrest and incarceration is a criminal outrage."

ENJOINS SUBWAY ORDINANCE

Judge Keysor Holds that it Practically Grants New Franchise.

Judge W. W. Keysor handed down a written opinion yesterday sustaining the motion of John P. Finley for a temporary injunction preventing the mayor and city council from enacting that ordinance which will provide for putting electric light wires under ground and which, the plaintiff affirmed, would "unlawfully grant a new franchise and a monopoly to the New Thomson-Houston Electric Light company, in the use of streets and alleys for a subway or conduit for electric wires."

One Hundred a Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The postmaster general has issued a general order announcing the increase of pay of rural free delivery mail carriers $100 each per annum.

QUESTION ABOUT BOND ISSUE

Ordinance Providing for $190,000 of Bonds is Said to Be Defective.

It has been reported about the city hall that the ordinance introduced in the council by Mr. Hascall at the last meeting, providing for the issue of $190,000 in bonds to to take up "the floating indebtedness" of the city is defective, and that several obstacles will be interposed at Tuesday night's meeting in the way of its passage. One city official who has investigated the matter said:

"The ordinance is defective in that it doesn't specify what the bonds are to be issued for. As a matter of fact the bonds are intended to make good the $190,000 in special taxes on the Hanscom park and other districts, recently set aside by the courts, but the ordinance doesn't say so. It says "floating indebtedness," whereas the city has no floating indebtedness. The ordinance may be passed, but I very much doubt if the bonds are ever issued."

NOT TO MEDDLE WITH BONDS

Real Estate Committee Decides that it is Busy Enough with Tax Case.

At the meeting of the tax committee of the Real Estate exchange yesterday W. S. Poppleton brought up the resolution of the city council to issue current expense bonds and asked the committee if it would take any steps to stop the proposed issue. The committee unanimously decided to have nothing to do with any steps to defeat the bonds, reporting that it had all that it could attend to in the taxation matter now pending in the supreme court.

Reports were received from the committees in charge of subscriptions, showing a sufficient amount of money subscribed to pay all expenses so far incurred. It was decided to push collections for funds for expenses yet to be incurred.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Hans Frahm of 307 Pine street, who has been sick for several months, yesterday became demented, although not violent. Sergeant Dempsey, at a request from the sheriff's office, took Frahm to the county jail, where he is being taken care of.

Miss Lizzie Hurst of 1823 Cass street notified the police yesterday afternoon that $11 had been stolen from her trunk, and gave a description of the person she suspected of taking it. Detectives Dunn and Savage arrested L. F. Rice, who rooms at 1823 Cass street, and found a $5 bill concealed in the sweatband of his hat. He gave no satisfactory explanation of the money and he was locked up.

ELLER EXAMINES HIMSELF

Principal Witness in Suit to Enjoin Payment of Judge Berka's Salary.

Through another long and tedious day Attorney Eller dragged the Gordon motion for an injunction preventing the mayor and council from paying Judge Berka's salary for January. Everybody who dared fled from the court room early and Bailiff Stout took to counting the freckles on the reporter's nose to kill time.

Judge Eller was Judge Eller's principal witness yesterday, and the testimony pertained largely to the witness' own deportment January 24, when he took Gordon's alleged oaths of office to City Clerk Elbourn, the latter declining to place them on file. The examination proceeded somewhat as follows:

"What is my name?"

"My name is Judge Eller."

"What is my business?"

"I am a lawyer."

"Do I recall the incident at the city clerk's office on January 24?"

"Well, I should say I do."

"What was the nature of City Clerk Elbourn's deportment on that day?"

"He was much fussed up and excited."

"Were I?"

"Goodness, no. I was so cool that people passing along in front of the building had to button up their overcoats or catch cold in the draught, and those inside broke into involuntary applause."

"Well, did I take the papers out with me?"

"I did not."

"Why didn't I?"

"Because I was too wise. The city clerk wanted me to, but I outwitted him and said nay, nay, I'll leave it with thee, for then I shall have a lead pipe cinch on the city."

Mortality Statistics.

Births—Louis Yeager, 1919 Clark street, boy; Gus Kroft, 2722 South Twenty-fifth, boy; Tom Molsek, Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets, girl; John Egan, 902 South Forty-fifth street, girl; Gustav Samuelson, 1947 South Twenty-first street, boy; John Johnson, 4413 Davenport street, girl; Nels Hallberg, 4413 Davenport street, girl; C. R. Wincat, 2236 Merideth avenue, girl; Edward Hamilton, 504½ South Tenth street, girl; William Owens, 2154 South Thirty-fifth street, girl; Albert Kinsler, 3896 Farnam street, boy; George Shearer, Twenty-eighth avenue and Vinton street, girl.

Deaths—Elsie Bang, 514 South Twentieth street, aged 74 years; Margaret Moore, 416 Frances street, aged 62 years; W. A. Fritter, 3010 South Twenty-first street, aged 32 years; Naoma Reed, 708 North Eighteenth street, aged 2 years; Evert Washington, 2411 South Twenty-ninth street, aged 54 years; John Hogan, Fourteenth and Ohio streets, aged 43 years; Christ Hansen, Fifth and Jones streets, aged 40 years.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Regular Council Meeting Fails for Lack of Quorum of Members.

LIBRARY BOARD TROUBLE IS REVIVED

Members Opposed to Mayor's Appointment Stay Away from Council Chamber and Prevent Remedying Palpable Error.

The city council failed to meet last night and various reasons are given. It had been reported that Mayor Kelly proposed to rectify his error in the appointment of a library board. This was one reason for the members failing to get together at the appointed time. While a majority of the council voted to confirm the appointment of the board as named by the mayor, Councilman Johnston had been wise enough to see the error and advocated the action taken. It has been plainly stated by members of the council that unless Mayor Kelly changes his plans and appoints nine men on the board, he will find it hard to secure a confirmation. Some of the councilmen are of the opinion that the mayor is playing a political trick on them and they propose to resent any such action.

Again it was asserted that Martin was going to report on the acetylene gas franchise ordinance, and this was not considered an opportune time by certain members. Only three members showed up at roll call and an adjournment was taken until Wednesday night.

Revival Meetings Close.

Last night at the First Methodist Episcopal church the final services of a three weeks' revival were held. The services were union in character, all of the Protestant churches participating. For the first week services were held by Evangelists Smith and Colburn at the Baptist church, the second week at the Presbyterian church and the third week at the Methodist church. All of the pastors in the city participated, and every meeting was well attended. The services last night taxed the seating capacity of the church and many expressed the regret that arrangements had not been made for a longer period of meetings.

Horse Barn Completed.

Today the addition to the horse barn at the Union Stock yards will be completed. This new building is 93x140 feet and will provide accommodations for about 250 head of horses. This will increase the capacity of the horse barn considerably, and will permit the housing of about 1,000 head at one time. The rapid increase in the horse trade here caused the building of this addition to the present large barn.

Union Pacific Improvements.

At the present time a force employed by the Union Pacific is engaged in driving piles and repairing the tracks from the county line to Washington street, a distance of about half a mile. Considerable money is being expended in these improvements and when completed the road will be in first-class shape. It is understood that these betterments are in line with others to be made in the city during the coming summer. Providing the council can be induced to vacate a portion of Railroad avenue for trackage purposes, additional tracks between Q and N streets will be laid and other improvements in the service made.

Miller Still In.

A number of times during the last few months Councilman August Miller has announced that he would be glad when his present term of office expired. Now since the press has announced that he intends to retire to private life next April, he has changed his mind. Miller asserted at the city hall yesterday that he would again be a candidate for re-election along with his republican colleagues.

Martin Makes Explanation.

Councilman Martin called at The Bee office last night to say that there was nothing of public importance to the little altercation he had with Chris Raff. He admits that some words passed, but the difference of opinion occurred on account of a misunderstanding and that the matter had been amicably settled. Martin and Raff have been friends for years.

Still Shipping Feeders.

South Omaha still continues to furnish feeder cattle for the territory adjacent to ths market. Last week 3,500 head of feeders were sent to the country, the majority going to Nebraska feed lots. The week before only 2,988 head were shipped out. Aside from Nebraska, the heaviest buyers on the market at this time are stockgrowers from Iowa, South Dakota and Missouri, although light shipments are being made weekly to Colorado, Kansas and Illinois.

Magic City Gossip.

There will be an auction sale of shorthorns here on March 6.

Mrs. F. J. Etter has recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism.

J. W. Christie, father of Sam and Harry Christie, left last night for New Alexandria, Pa., where he will remain a couple of months.

Governor Savage telephoned Captain Holland yesterday that he would endeavor to have the South Omaha cavalry troop mustered in this week.

Women interested in the work of the South Omaha hospital are urged not to forget the pound social to be held Tuesday afternoon at the hospital, on Twenty-sixth street.

The entertainment given by Knoxall council of the Royal Arcanum at the Presbyterian church last night was well attended and a decidedly interesting program was rendered.

The trial in the district court of Murphy and Loechner, members of the South Omaha Board of Education, is attracting considerable attention and a large number of witnesses have been sent for.

INSPECT BRICK PAVEMENTS

Mayor and Council Members of Red Oak, Iowa, Spend a Day in Omaha.

The mayor and members of the city council of Red Oak, Ia., visited Omaha in a body Monday, their purpose being to inspect the city's brick pavements, as they intend to put down fifteen blocks of brick paving in Red Oak this season. They had already visited Galesburg and Des Moines on the same mission. The party comprised Mayor Thomas Griffith and Aldermen George Brown, Henry Peterson, John O'Rourke, Charles Wilson and L. Fikes. While here they went through the city hall and visited several other points of interest.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Arnold Hansen, Omaha	21
Marie Swansen, Omaha	20
Lyman L. Cowles, Valley, Neb	38
Minnie Moss, Irvington, Neb	21
Phineas R. Allen, Valley, Neb	21
Anna E. Lewis, Valley, Neb	20
Hugo Cardes, Papillion, Neb	25
Ida Becker, Millard, Neb	21
John Dick, Pierce county, Nebraska	22
Lena Kreager, Omaha	17
Charles Matthews, South Omaha	24
May Stonehocker, Beatrice, Neb	20
Sterling P. Garth, Omaha	40
Maisy Rose, Omaha	18
Sidney P. Givens, Omaha	25
Agnes Schlotfeld, Omaha	18

Woman's Work in Club and Charity

Laws regarding the property rights of women are coming in for a considerable share of the attention of the women of Nebraska just at present, and the state headquarters of the Equal Suffrage association is in receipt of an unusual flow of communications on the subject from women's clubs over the state that are studying the matter. The subject was discussed at length at last evening's meeting of the Omaha Equality club, together with matters pertaining to the welfare and condition of the women of Nebraska. In response to a recent inquiry by the club, regarding the number and condition of the women and children employed in the factories and commercial establishments of the state, a communication was received from Deputy Commissioner of Labor C. E. Watson, in which he said there 2,626 women and 776 children under 16 years of age employed in such establishments of Nebraska. Of these 1,470 women and 423 children are employed in Douglas county. He admitted that there are violations of the state laws regarding employment of women and children. Action was taken by the club recommending that the executive board of the state organization investigate these conditions with the view of lending moral support. Notice was given of a proposed amendment to the constitution for the appointment of officers that will admit of the holding of afternoon meetings for the benefit of that section of the club that cannot attend the evening meetings. The remainder of the time was given to the lesson.

Aside from the report of the depot matron's work there was no business at yesterday's meeting of the political and social science department of the Woman's club. The program consisted of a presentation of the industrial work being done among the city's poor. Mrs. E. B. Towle, presiding. Miss Magee, the city missionary, gave the talk of the afternoon, an account of the conditions and necessities of the Tenth Street mission district, and of what was being done there to relieve them. She also told of the progress of the work of the Woman's club's philanthropic committee, which she is helping to carry on at the Chapel of the Carpenter and at the Eighteenth and St. Mary's avenue station. Fully 100 children are being included in the class work, consisting of cooking and sewing classes at the former and sewing classes at the latter.

It was decided at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the parliamentary practice department that the department should follow its regular course and present as its program at Monday's open meeting an exhibition of the work it has been doing during the year. On Monday the department will present a debate, having chosen for its subject "The Public School as the Greatest Factor in the State." Some debate arose over the advisability of debating sub a question at this time, owing to the present school board controversy in Omaha, but it was decided that that very situation made it the more necessary that the mothers and patrons of the schools seriously discuss the subject as stated along literary, civic, industrial and moral lines. Some objection was raised to the word "state" on the ground that it was too limited, but the committee presenting the subject announced that that word was used in the sense of government, and the subject was adopted. The program will also include music.

The members of the Womans' Christian Temperance Union are requested to meet in the parlor of the Young Women's Christian association at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon for a business session. The business session will be followed by the Francis Willard memorial meeting, to which all are cordially invited.

The Clio club met Friday at the home of Mrs. D. W. Merrow, 2624 North Nineteenth avenue. The entire afternoon was spent in a study of the two southwestern counties of England, Cornwall and Devonshire. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. W. D. Crawford, 2121 Locust street.

The next meeting of the Home Queen's circle will be held at St. Catherine's academy at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon instead of Wednesday, as previously announced. A program of music and an address on "Housekeeping" have been arranged and a general invitation is extended.

The Colonial tea, the second of the series of membership teas given last evening by the Young Women's Christian association, was one of the most successful affairs yet given by that organization. The supper was provided by the women of the First Presbyterian church and though the number had been limited to 150 members and provision made for that many, the excess necessitated a second setting of the table to provide for all. The suppers are free to all members, the only requirement being that those intending being present register with the secretary, the object of the affairs being the promotion of acquaintance and sociability among the members. The hour announced for the tea was 6:30, but fully half an hour before that time young women commenced coming in, some in costume, but the majority of them, being business women, with small bundles and soon emerging from the dressing rooms wearing kerchiefs, aprons and caps. There were colonial dames and maids with powdered hair and Puritan caps. Watteau polonaise and fichus of hand embroidery that had graced the shoulders of grandmothers ever so many generations ago, strings of coral beads and antique brooches that lent to the company quite the air of the eighteenth century, but peeping from the curls on a good proportion was the tell-tale lead pencil in contradiction of the powdered hair and quaint combs. The tables were all prettily decorated and each plate marked with a small souvenir flag and as the young women stood at their places they sang the first verse of "America," and then, with bowed head, the fourth verse instead of the customary blessing. The supper was served in two courses and between them violin selections were given by Miss Luella Allen. The evening closed with games in the parlors and a social hour.

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