













Princes and Princesses of the Royal House of Ak-Sar-Ben

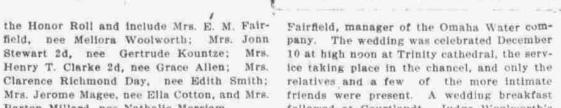


HEN the history of Quivera is written not the least interesting of the record will be that of the young women who have been crowned queens of Ak-Sar-Ben. Their part is one of the most important

features of the carnival each year, so important, in fact, that much of the success of the Coronation Ball depends upon them. But there is among these much envied women on the honor roll; a roster of real queens who will be remembered in Nebraska when Quivera and its traditions have ceased to be and whose sons and daughters, the real knights and princesses of the realm, will be the future kings and queens of the state.

Of the fourteen young women who have been crowned queen all but three have married and six are mothers. These make up





crowned Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben in 1895. It Fairfield returned from their wedding trip years later she was married to Mr. E. M.

pany. The wedding was celebrated December friends were present. A wedding breakfast late Judge J. M. Woolworth, was first to be nue. It was not until after Mr. and Mrs. was soon after her formal presentation and that a reception was held for all the friends. she had traveled extensively abroad. Four Mr. and Mrs. Fairfield have two little daughters, Bettie, aged 8, and Wynne, aged 6.

Mrs. Gertrude Kountze Stewart, daughter of the late Herman Kountze, was the third queen of Ak-Sar-Ben. She had made her Tenth street, was a favorite rendezvous for followed at Courtlandt, Judge Woolworth's the young people. It was scarcely a surprise Miss Meliora Woolworth, daughter of the home, at Twenty-second and St. Mary's ave- when she crossed the ball room floor and ascended the throne the night of the third coronation ball, and a stately queen she made. Stewart 2d, a son of one of the oldest families of Council Bluffs, and for some time they

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made their home in that city. The wedding was celebrated at St. Mathins, the quaint litthe Episcopal courch adjoining Forest [111]. The ceremony took place at high noon and was followed by a wedding breakfast at the Kountze home. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart 19turned to Omaha to reside about four years ago. "Dickie," their oldest child, is 6 years. old and sturdy youngster, and the twins, Jane and Gordon, are 2 years old. Their mother is their devoted companion and playmate and the nursery is the center of the fam-Hy's home life that social demands nor anything else has been allowed to supercede.

Mrs. Grace Allen Clarke, daughter of the late William F. Allen, was one of the most popular young women in society, and there was little surprise when she was chosen queen in 1898. She had been graduated from Lasell seminary, Boston, a few months before

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Allen Gordon Glarke

the Honor Roll and Include Mrs. E. M. Fair- Fairfield, manager of the Omaha Water com-Stewart 2d, nee Gertrude Kountze; Mrs. 10 at high noon at Trinity cathedral, the serv-

Barton Millard, nee Nathalie Merriam.

debut in society the season before and Forest Hill, her father's beautiful home on South January 8, 1901, she was married to John T.

