

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

WHEN 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

made their home in that city. The wedding was celebrated at St. Mathias, the quaint little Episcopal church adjoining Forest Hill. The ceremony took place at high noon and was followed by a wedding breakfast at the Kountze home. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart returned 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 family'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 Lassell seminary, Boston, a few months before

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HENRY T. CLARKE III.



FREDERICK NASH



Allen Gordon Clarke



MARSHALL MAGEE



WILLIAM CLEVELAND CLARKE.

the Honor Roll and include Mrs. E. M. Fairfield, nee Mellora Woolworth; Mrs. John Stewart 2d, nee Gertrude Kountze; Mrs. Henry T. Clarke 2d, nee Grace Allen; Mrs. Clarence Richmond Day, nee Edith Smith; Mrs. Jerome Magee, nee Ella Cotton, and Mrs. Barton Millard, nee Nathalie Merriam.

Miss Mellora Woolworth, daughter of the late Judge J. M. Woolworth, was first to be crowned Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben in 1895. It was soon after her formal presentation and she had traveled extensively abroad. Four years later she was married to Mr. E. M.

Fairfield, manager of the Omaha Water company. The wedding was celebrated December 10 at high noon at Trinity cathedral, the service taking place in the chancel, and only the relatives and a few of the more intimate friends were present. A wedding breakfast followed at Courtlandt. Judge Woolworth's home, at Twenty-second and St. Mary's avenue. It was not until after Mr. and Mrs. Fairfield returned from their wedding trip that a reception was held for all the friends. 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 debut in society the season before and Forest Hill, her father's beautiful home on South Tenth street, was a favorite rendezvous for the young people. It was scarcely a surprise when she crossed the ball room floor and ascended the throne the night of the third coronation ball, and a stately queen she made. January 8, 1901, she was married to John T. Stewart 2d, a son of one of the oldest families of Council Bluffs, and for some time they

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