

HAM AND CHICKEN COOKING

Prior Has a Small Army at Work on Good Fellowship Dinner.

NINETY-NINE COURSES IN ALL

Problem of Serving Large Concourses of Members and Friends Being Solved by Commercial Club Steward.

While cooking of chickens and hams, boiling of eggs and steaming of other ingredients for many dishes to be served at the good fellowship dinner of the Commercial club Tuesday evening began in the club kitchen Saturday evening.

Seven hundred and six business men already have places at the tables and all acceptance of members must be in by noon Monday.

What the menu will be is something of a mystery. The committee would not announce it, and all that is known now is that these dishes will be served.

Brandade eggs, alfalfa honey from Kearney and Skyrock water from the Rocky mountains.

But there are ninety-six other courses in the gastronomic repertoire which the club proposes to serve, besides the speaking and other entertainments which is being planned-in planned, but not revealed.

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That chicken salad, chicken spaghetti, or something with chicken in it, is to be served is now beyond a doubt, as it is said it will require a force of cooks from Sunday morning until Tuesday afternoon to cook the chickens necessary.

It is the first Commercial club function to be held outside the Commercial club rooms, but the club is assuming such proportions that the old rooms on the fifth floor of the Board of Trade building are too small for such dinners, and the committee say this is not the last dinner this season, either.

Though tickets are being sold for \$1, this does not represent the price of the dinner, as it is a home products affair and wagon loads of the best things sold by Omaha houses have been volunteered for the dinner. These are given to the club, and \$1 would not buy over four courses, say nothing at all at the ninety-nine scheduled for the event.

The speaking will be limited in quantity, but not in quality. The speakers will not be announced, but will be seated at a table directly in front of the band stand.

What will be put on in the band stand is likewise a mystery. It is described as fully as shocking as some of the Al-Sar-Ben-den performances. Some one person is to be here from the outside. Who it is also unannounced. It is known Elbert Hubbard is in vaudeville. Farmer Burns lives in Omaha, Roosevelt and Pinchot are meeting somewhere in the east. Uncle Joe Hanson is too busy to accept such engagements and Richard Carle is on the Pacific coast.

BIG WOMAN SAYS LITTLE MAN THREATENED HER LIFE

Mrs. Elvia Myers, Weighing 200 Pounds, Prefers Charges Against John Walker, 70 Years Old.

John Walker, confined in Libby prison during the civil war, is defendant in proceedings before the Board of Insanity Commissioners, in which Mrs. Elvia Myers is the complaining witness.

Walker is 70 years, short and spare. Mrs. Myers weighs at least 200 pounds and physically appears well able to cope with Walker if necessary. Mrs. Myers charges that Walker many times threatened her life.

"Man's the time he has threatened my life," said Mrs. Myers, "and chased me with a shovel or a knife until I had to run into my house."

Her house is at Fourteenth and Burdette, next door to Walker's.

The witness was asked how many dogs she kept and she first swore she didn't know. Later she admitted that she did know.

"Did you not swear a few minutes ago to tell the truth?" demanded Mr. Smith.

"Sure, I swear," said Mrs. Myers.

"Well, were you thinking of your oath when you said you did not know how many dogs you had?"

"Not exactly," said the witness, "but I didn't think it any of your business."

The witness declared that she had a little puppy of which Walker seemed fond and in a neighborly way had "intended to give it to him, but not after he got so crossy mean."

HEARD IN THE HOTEL LOBBIES

Travelers from Different Sections Tell of Conditions Existing There.

"Out in our part of the state last winter was the longest one since the country was settled," said A. M. Modisset of Sheridan county, who is at the Merchants hotel. Mr. Modisset is a bank president at Rushville and knew "Mayor Jim" when the latter was county commissioner and sheriff in Dawson county.

Referring to politics, Mr. Modisset said, "Our county goes republican in state and national elections, but for county offices we vote for men and not party."

M. Mumaw, a traveling man, who lives on Templeton street, was meeting some of the fraternity at the Paxton last night. Mr. Mumaw has been traveling for thirty-two years and has lived in Omaha thirty-one years. Speaking of his recent trip through the Dakotas he said, "Frost is still in the ground, but spring is earlier than usual and you can look for a rise in the Missouri river earlier this year."

J. F. Pritchard, farmer and stockman from Watson, Mo., is registered at the Merchants. He and his brother, O. E. Pritchard, have a ranch at Pritchard, Blaine county. Speaking of Missouri he said, "There has been no downfall of moisture since the winter snows. Spring wheat and grass are doing first rate, but lots of the fall wheat has been killed."

Million Dollars for Boats for the Missouri

Kansas City Completes Raising Fund for Line on Lower Section of River.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 26.—Kansas City's \$1,000,000 fund, raised by public subscription to maintain a line of freight boats on the Missouri river between here and St. Louis, became a reality this afternoon. In fact, the solicitors reported the sum promised to be \$20,000 in excess of that amount.

The use of this stream as a highway for transporting its freight at a rate lower than that charged by the railroads has been agitated by Kansas City merchants for two years. When the full amount was secured today, a big demonstration was held at the boat line headquarters and this message was ordered telegraphed to Senator Theodore H. Burton.

I wish to remind you of your promise in Kansas City made in December, 1908, of a government appropriation for the Missouri river, if Kansas City would use the river. Have you more than \$1,000,000 for boats. We will put the best type of boats on the river and plenty of them.

PROGRAM OUT FOR SOUTH DAKOTA RIVER CONGRESS

Plans for Improvement of the Missouri Will Be Discussed at Pierre This Week.

PIERRE, S. D., March 26.—(Special.)—The program for the Missouri river meeting at this city Wednesday and Thursday of next week has been practically arranged, and premises the delegates who attend some interesting matters in relation to river navigation and its possibilities.

The principal speakers from outside the state who will address the convention will be John L. Mathews of St. Louis, secretary-treasurer of the Missouri River Navigation company of that city, who will deliver an illustrated address with stereopticon pictures on the subject of the internal waterways of Europe and America.

The same speaker will also talk upon the subjects of internal waterways and terminal facilities. Will A. Campbell of Omaha, secretary-treasurer of the Missouri River Navigation congress, will talk on the subject of traffic survey of the Missouri river and comparative water and rail rates on freight.

ASKS DIVORCE FROM HER CONTRACT HUSBAND

Mrs. Charlotte Thomas of Kansas City Wants Separation from Man Absent Twenty-Seven Years.

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—Although she has not heard from her "contract husband" in twenty-seven years, Mrs. Charlotte Thomas, known to her friends as Charlotte Judd, petitioned the circuit court today to dissolve her marriage to Ambrose Thomas and declare the contract void.

Her petition alleges she learned in 1883 Thomas had one or more wives living when she signed the contract. From the day of her discovery until now she said she had not heard from him.

CRETE GETS NATIONAL BANK

Comptroller of Currency Approves Application Made to Organize Institution in that City.

(From a STAN Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The application of C. W. Weickbach, H. S. Fuller, S. D. Park and M. O. Johnson to organize the City National bank of Crete, Neb., with \$25,000 capital, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

Rural carriers appointed are as follows: Iowa—Brooklyn, route 2, Perry S. Brunk, carrier; Minnie V. Brunk, substitute, Derby, route 1, Elmer L. Raab, carrier; no substitute. Extra, route 2, Andrew J. Jensen, carrier; no substitute; route 3, James A. Hicks, carrier; Clarence Hicks, substitute. Greenfield, route 1, James M. Tate, carrier; no substitute. New Providence, route 1, Kenneth Greene, carrier; no substitute.

Perry, route 1, Henry B. Cross, carrier; Estella Cross, substitute. Prairie City, route 1, Perry C. Baldwin, carrier; Clark E. Baldwin, substitute. Searshore, route 1, Ora A. Huston, carrier; Timothy P. Sheehy, substitute. Winthrop, route 4, Leonard W. Gaylord, carrier; no substitute.

South Dakota—Frankfort, route 1, Charles F. Sheehy, carrier; no substitute. Dr. G. S. Adams of Yankton, S. D., assistant superintendent of the state hospital of the insane, who has been to New York with a patient from his institution to be deported, is in Washington enroute home.

LOOKING FOR MAN IN CASE

Police of Massillon, Ohio, Continue Investigation of Catharine Mann.

CANTON, O., March 26.—Although scouting the story of Catharine Mann, aged 35, who is held on a charge of murdering her 18-year-old sister, Elizabeth, by administering strychnine, that there is a man in the case, the police of Massillon are seeking among the girl prisoner's friends in Massillon and Philadelphia for a clew. Catharine says a man, whose name she refuses to make known, gave her some capsules to give to Elizabeth.

WALTER F. DAVID IS WINNER

William Jewell College Student Will Represent Missouri at Interstate Contest in Omaha.

LIBERTY, Mo., March 26.—Walter F. David of William Jewell college of Liberty won the annual Missouri intercollegiate oratorical contest here, and it was decided last night that he will represent Missouri in the interstate contest at Omaha in May. Miss Agnes Blaby of Drury college, who tied with Isadore Samuels of Park college in the first contest, took second place.

FIFTIETH VICTIM IS DEAD

L. M. Wallis of Washburn, N. D., Injured in Wreck, Dies in Marshalltown Hospital.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., March 26.—The death list resulting from the wreck of the Rock Island Twin City express near Green Mountain last Monday was increased to fifty when L. M. Wallis of Washburn, N. D., died in a hospital here this morning.

Master Miker Making Bricks While in Prison

Chief of Mabray Gang Assigned to Task at the Leavenworth Kilns.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 26.—(Special.)—John C. Mabray, master miker and chief mogul of the big store swindling syndicate is now known in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., to which place he was taken last Tuesday to serve the term of two years to which he was sentenced by Judge Smith McPherson in the United States district court in Council Bluffs at No. 6975. He has been assigned to work in the brick kiln.

Harry Forbes, the erstwhile champion bantamweight pugilist will be known as No. 6972 and he has been assigned to work in the kitchen preparing the meals for the other prisoners. His brother, Clarence Forbes, who also followed the profession of a pugilist will be known as No. 6971 and he has been assigned to work in the coat cell wing. His duties will be to keep this portion of the establishment clean.

Clarence Glass of Chicago, who will be known as No. 6970, has been assigned to work in the laundry. E. Leach of Montrose, Ia., will be known as No. 6973 and has been assigned to work in the tailor shop. His partner, T. S. Robinson of Farmington, Ia., will be known as No. 6974 and has been assigned to work in the carpenter shop.

G. M. Marsh, alias "Ole" Marshall, and his pal, Bert R. Shore, the two Seattle wrestlers, will be known respectively as Nos. 6990 and 6991 and both have been assigned to work at making brick.

Leon Losier, the former foot racer, will be known as No. 6974 and in accordance with his request has been assigned to the paint shop. Losier is somewhat of an artist and his work will be congenial.

Ed McCoy, the Salt Lake pugilist and cell mate of John C. Mabray, will be known as No. 6975, and will work in the stone shop. This employment will, it is expected, keep his muscles in trim, and he will be probably in excellent training when his term of two years expires.

Willard Powell, the horse owner and jockey, will be known as No. 6976, and will, like Ed Leach, wield a needle and thimble in the tailor shop.

E. K. Morris, the negro pugilist, will be known as No. 6978, and has been assigned to work in the kitchen, where he will be engaged in keeping the culinary utensils bright and shiny.

This assignment, Major R. W. McClaughry, warden of the penitentiary, says is subject to change at any time in the case of any individual as he may be found better adapted to something else than the work at present assigned to.

"Our aim," said Major McClaughry, "is finally to locate each man in the employment that he seems best adapted to, because it will be better for him to follow something that is in line with his taste or habits and previous training."

Aide of Petrosino is Fatally Shot

Special Officer Believed to Be Victim of Vengeance of the Black Hand.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Another of Lieutenant Petrosino's former aides was perhaps fatally wounded today, a victim, it is believed, of Black Hand vengeance. He was Thomas Mareca, a youth who had been employed on the confidential squad maintained by Petrosino up to the time the latter left for a visit abroad and was assassinated.

Mareca had been shot once before, and had quit the regular force's work at his father's urgent request and become a special officer.

It was while following a burglarly clew obtained following the riot recently of letters in connection with premeditated crimes of a Black Hand nature that he was shot today by an Italian near St. George, Staten Island. His assailant was arrested.

Coal Miners Yield a Point

Convention Authorizes Separate Negotiations with Operators of Indiana and Pennsylvania.

CINCINNATI, March 26.—Led by the pleading of President T. L. Lewis, Vice President McCullough and President-elect Walker of the Illinois miners, the interstate convention of the United Mine Workers of North America today abrogated the action taken at the recent Indianapolis convention and instructed its representatives on the joint scale committee to negotiate with Indiana and Pennsylvania operators separately for a fresh wage contract to go into effect April 1.

The action is regarded as almost revolutionary by certain factions in the union, these men declaring that it means the dissolution of the central competitive field joint conference as an organization and the substitution of state and district policies for national and concerted action.

Sheepmen in Fatal Shooting

J. B. Bradley, Prominent Flockmaster, Seriously Wounded and Herder Killed in Wyoming.

LANDER, Wyo., March 26.—(Special Telegram.)—J. B. Bradley, a prominent sheepman of Shoshoni, who is running his sheep in the vicinity of Black Mountain, in Fremont county, got into an altercation with his herder last evening, in which the herder was shot to death and Bradley was wounded in two places. Bradley was brought in from Stagners in an automobile last evening and is at the Fremont hotel.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE OVER

Central Labor Union of Philadelphia Will Call It Off This Afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—The general sympathetic strike here is a thing of the past. The vacuous unions which quit work out of sympathy with the striking carmen are preparing to resume work Monday, it was announced today. A meeting of the Central Labor union will be held tomorrow at which the sympathetic strike will be formally called off. Many union workers have returned to work.

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