

When the Herndon House Was Omaha's Leading Hotel

(Mrs. Johnson, who writes this article, is a daughter of James T. Allan, who was the landlord of the Herndon House in the palmy days of his career, before it became the Union Pacific headquarters.)

BY JEAN ALLAN JOHNSON.

The imposing structure erected by the Union Pacific railroad in the near completion, a building the citizens of Omaha should look upon with much pride, a few reminiscences of the old headquarters, in former times known as the Herndon house, may prove to be of interest. The early settlers as well as the progressive citizens of today may be interested in a few items concerning the building and its surroundings.

My residence in the Herndon dates from 1860 to 1865, when Omaha was but a village, and when I see the improvements of today in that vicinity, it is almost impossible to realize that the play ground of the children in those days is covered with buildings whose business is counted into the millions and whose traffic extends far into the Orient.

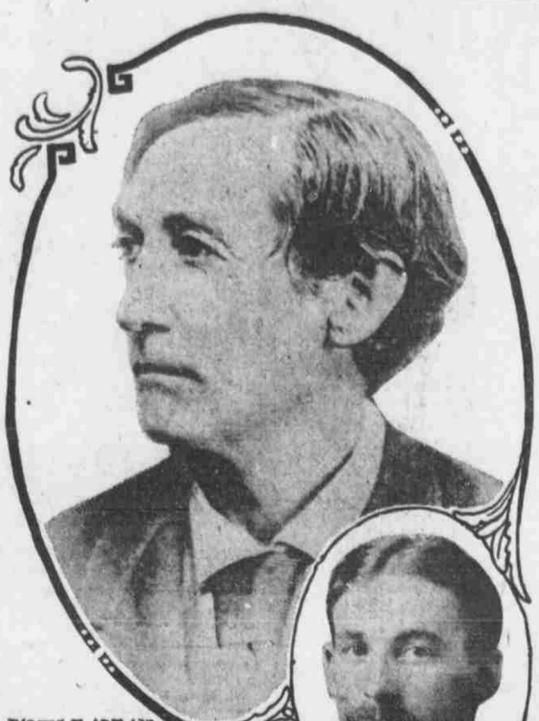
I remember a meeting held in the Herndon in the interest of a Pacific railway. I recall the names of T. C. Durant, Sidney Dillon, Jack Cassament and his brother Dan, Peter Dey, E. H. Reed, and I think that George Francis Train was also present at this conference of men who planned one of the greatest railroads of today.

I well remember the arrival of the first locomotive and its transportation on the ferry that navigated between the Iowa and Nebraska banks. This was a civic event and the entire population of Omaha was at the landing to give it a royal welcome. This and other events were named for famous leaders of the Civil war, Grant, Sheridan and Farragut.

When the road was completed to a distance of twelve miles, I enjoyed my first journey to Sahlings Grove, riding on a flat car with a varied crowd, squaws included, who seemed to enjoy the short outing as well as I did.

Among the residents of the hotel at that time were Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Childs, parents of Rheta Childs Dorr, a prominent contributor to the press. The doctor was a druggist in the Pioneer block. S. S. Caldwell and wife were permanent boarders, and Victor B. Caldwell, one of Omaha's prominent bankers, was born here. Reuben Wood and wife, parents of Mrs. Judge Redick; Judge Redick, sr., and two sons, Will and Charles; Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Hitchcock; W. B. Hubbard and wife, whose daughter is a teacher in the Omaha schools, were also Herndon boarders, as were James W. Van Norstrand and wife.

Donald B. Allan, storekeeper of the Union Pacific, has the distinction of being the only employe of the "Safe Road to Travel," born in the building. The register of the Herndon, now in the possession of Mr. Allan, son of the proprietor, is quite a curiosity and contains the names of many well known citizens of Omaha and neighboring towns. Dr. R. C. Moore's signature looks very much as it does today, when he is called to your home and attaches it to a prescription. The signature of Casper E. Post, as president of the Nebraska Telephone company, compares very well with the one in the register. "T. S. Indiana" or "U. S. Cavalry" is often noticed after names. General G. M. O'Brien is registered as "home on leave of absence." The



JAMES T. ALLAN PROPRIETOR HERNDON HOUSE

register also shows Andrew Johnson, D. C.; W. T. Sherman, St. A. D. Balcomb and family, Wintehoop Agency; Governor Alvin Saunders. The theatrical profession is represented in the names of C. W. Couldock and "Yankee" Robinson. "Grand Caravan—Nine Shows in One" in bold letters on the register with a long list of performers. Their tent was pitched where the Hotel Bailey is located on Ninth and Farnam. Other familiar names are W. J. Broatch, U. S. A.; J. H. and Milton Barclow, Jack Morrow, H. P. Deuel, C. E. Catlin, J. E. Boyd, George W. Nail, W. U. Tel. Co.; C. W. Lyman, Rev. Herman, who was the first principal of Brownell Hall; also Rev. George C. Betts, a former rector of St. Barnabas and Trinity, which in the early days was a little chapel at the southwest corner of Ninth and Farnam. George Francis Train, New York, in a bold hand is quite characteristic of the person, accompanied by Mrs. Train, Miss Belle Train and maid; J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City, and General G. M. Dodge, U. S. A., are familiar names. Notwithstanding the inconvenience of traveling in those days, the register shows names of sojourners from all points in the United States, and even far away Russia has a citizen of Moscow registered.

During the war, Generals Mitchell, Craig, Curtis and staffs made the hotel their headquarters. The pure food

DONALD BUDINGTON ALLAN BORN IN HERNDON HOUSE

Inspectors of today would have been horrified could they have seen the bacon and hard tack stacked up exposed to germs in a store room under the building, used for a commissary.

When news of a victory for the north was received in Omaha an illumination, which consisted of wooden brackets with holes for candles placed in rows across the windows, until the whole building was lighted, was considered something fine; but this would look quite dim when compared with the electric lights of today, but we had "candle power."

The resident boarders were allowed lamps, but the transients were not supplied with candles. There was no "hot air" in the early days, and I often think it a miracle that we survived the winters with wood only for fuel, the supply at times being green cottonwood, in a few stoves distributed throughout the building. But as many of the occupants have lived to an advanced age, the atmosphere may have been better than that of the overheated homes of today.

We had the honor to entertain General

W. T. Sherman and elaborate preparations were made for his reception. New silver and crockery were purchased and the best the market afforded was secured for him. When his son, Father Sherman, visited Creighton university, I had the pleasure of meeting him and recalling reminiscences of his father.

We depended largely upon boats plying between Omaha and St. Joseph for supplies and luxuries. I recall the J. H. Lacey, named for one of Omaha's prominent citizens; the Colorado, Glasgow, Denver, Kate Kinney, etc. W. W. Copeland was a clerk on one of these and H. P. Deuel was at one time steamboat agent. The society of the town would take advantage of the anchorage of one of these boats to have dancing parties on it before the return trip to St. Joseph. One of the popular clerks of the hotel was Daniel Webster Hitchcock, who afterward became an estimable employe of the "Overland," general passenger agent in San Francisco.

The basement of the Herndon was for a time used as jail for United States prisoners, when the present president of the Nebraska Telephone company, C. E. Train, was United States marshal.

At one time the citizens were very much excited over an expected attack by Indians, and the hotel was to be the shelter for the women and children, but the raid failed to materialize.

The offices now occupied by the freight department were used by the Overland stage line. Regular trips were made to the west and on their return carried much treasure in gold dust and nuggets. One party, an elegant party, attended having struck it rich, started a few days in Omaha to celebrate and partook, too, lavishly of liquid refreshments. What could not be imbibed was distributed over a new carpet. But they had plenty and paid well for it in nuggets. The safe at the hotel held fortunes in those days.

The dining room, now occupied by the passenger department, was a large one and the only place that afforded space enough for the balls and dances attended by Omaha's smart set. Quadrilles and the lancers seemed to be the favorites, with occasionally a waltz or the valseviette. The steward or a colored waiter would "call off" and Aaron Cahn and Byron Reed help out with their violins. Christmas was celebrated one year with a dance and a huge tree donated and trimmed by the resident boarders. George Francis Train entertained the assembly with stories and a Chinese dance which was novel and amusing. Entertainments were also given for the benefit of the soldiers, consisting of concerts, tableaux, etc., in which Miss Gussie Estabrook, who married Colonel R. C. Crowly, and Maggie Ingalls, now Mrs. Mare Beck, played prominent parts, a stage and scenery being used.

A family named Ralston, whose daughter in after years contracted a secret marriage with the famous bandit, Jesse James, tarried a few days at the hotel. She visited Omaha in 1856 or 1857, but none of her friends knew of this marriage.

The old Union Pacific headquarters will soon be vacated and the army of employes be at home in a magnificent building, but it will be left with some feeling of regret, as expressed by a prominent official a few days ago, on account of the associations. For my part, I look back to some of the happiest hours of my life spent in and around this old landmark of a busy and progressive city.

In Omaha, having visited often at the home of her uncle, Mr. D. C. Patterson. She is a graduate of Brownell Hall and also of National Park seminary at Washington, D. C. Miss Helen Davis and Miss Miriam Patterson have recently entertained her in this city.

Personal Gossip

Miss Mabel Balcombe has left to spend the winter in New York.

Mr. H. D. Neely and Mr. O. H. Wirth have returned from a ten days hunting trip.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Root have returned from their wedding trip in the east.

Mr. Joseph Baldrige expects her father, Mr. B. F. Smith, to spend Thanksgiving with her.

Mrs. Herman Kuntze is expected Tuesday from the east, where she has been all summer.

Prof. and Mrs. Wendland of Minden, Neb., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fulver.

Mrs. Julius Kessler, who has been visiting her sister in Cedar Rapids, Ia., has returned home.

Mrs. P. H. Updike and daughter, Marjory, of Los Angeles, are the guests of Mrs. Edward Updike.

Mrs. Kenneth Elyand of Brooklyn, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George W. Johnston, leaves today.

Mrs. O. H. Wirth and Mrs. J. A. O'Keefe have returned from a visit to St. Joseph and Kansas City.

Mrs. C. K. Coutant is at the Colonial

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for the winter, having rented her house to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nash.

A son, Colt G. Campbell, Jr., was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Colt G. Campbell, 153 North Thirty-fifth street.

Mrs. H. F. Cady has been called to California by the sudden illness of her son-in-law, Mr. Allan M. Robinson.

Mrs. W. D. Patton, 2551 Manderson street, has returned after a visit of six weeks with her son, Dr. Patton in Chicago.

Miss Gwendoline White has returned from Fort Leavenworth, where she was the guest of Captain and Mrs. Samuel Noyes.

Mrs. Harry Street, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wakefield, returned to Chicago Friday evening.

Miss Margaret Howard of Ord, Neb., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Howard, and will attend the state teachers' meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom S. Kelly have returned from a two weeks' trip on the Pacific coast and have taken apartments at the Potter for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Weakly of Aurora, Ill., and Miss Alice McCullough are spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McCullough at the Winona.

Dr. Roger Throop Vaughan of Chicago whose wedding to Miss Louise Lord takes place Thursday evening, arrived this morning to be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brien arrived in Omaha Thursday from their wedding trip, and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. O'Brien, at the Hamilton, until their own apartment is ready.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hollister have returned from their wedding trip to Wyoming and are with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Holdrege at the New Hamilton until their home in Dundee is ready.

Miss Charlotte Pike will leave Wednesday for Redlands, Cal.

Miss Clara Mason has as her guest at the Madison hotel her sister, Mrs. George F. Houseworth of Long Beach, Cal.

Mr. James Fair and his mother, Mrs. Campbell Fair, have taken the Lemist home for the winter. Mrs. Fair is at present in Baltimore undergoing treatment for a fall at Siascasset in the summer, which injured her shoulder.

Mr. Samuel Burns will give up his residence on South Fortieth street and will reside with Mr. and Mrs. Osgood T. Eastman. His son, Mr. Robert Burns, will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Kuntze.

Mrs. Charles Rush of St. Joseph, Mo., is visiting her sister, Miss Marie Adst, dean of women at Bellevue college. Mrs. Rush is president of the city federation of the St. Joseph women's clubs. In her honor a reception will be given at the college this evening.

Mr. W. B. Smith, the new vice president of the Union Pacific, who will come from Chicago, has leased the B. T. White residence on South Thirty-second avenue and will take possession November 15. Mrs. White and family will move to 155 South Thirty-eighth street.

Miss Miriam Patterson will leave Tuesday for Chicago, where she and Miss Louise Dinning are to be bridesmaids for Miss Hazel Ford, whose marriage to Mr. Joseph Wilson takes place Tuesday, November 14. From Chicago Miss Patterson will go on to New York to resume

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What Women Are Doing in the World

THE Omaha Woman's club has left its old quarters at the First Congregational church and has gone with its Laces and Penates, bag and baggage, to the new club rooms in the Metropolitan building. Beginning this week all department and open meetings will be held in the new place.

Dr. J. A. Jenkins will be the speaker at the meeting of the social science department of the Woman's club Monday afternoon at 2:30. His topic will be "Defectives from the Viewpoint of the New Social Consciousness" and will be developed along four general lines—the defective in relation to the citizen, to the priest, to the physician and to the economist. The talk will be followed by a discussion. All members of the club are invited.

Mrs. C. Vincent, leader of the current topics department of the Woman's club, has arranged a miscellaneous program for the first meeting of the season Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the auditorium of the Metropolitan building.

A general review of current topics will be given and Mrs. Emmanuel Oehrlé will report on the latest inventions and the lives of prominent people who have recently died. Mrs. P. J. McKuller, soloist at the Kuntze Memorial church, will sing, and Mrs. Vincent O'Shea, a member of the governing board of the Story Territory league, will tell a story.

Mrs. A. K. Gault will report on the recent Conservation congress held in Kansas City. Mrs. C. M. Dwyer will review Olive Shriner's recent book, "Woman and Labor," of which Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth said, "It is one of the greatest books of the century." A demonstration of asbestos goods will complete this miscellaneous program.

Rev. Frederick T. House will be the speaker at the meeting of the philosophy department of the Woman's club Tuesday at 4 p. m.

Mr. J. H. Simms will give a talk on "The Organ and Organ Music" at the meeting of the music department of the Woman's club Thursday afternoon and a miscellaneous musical program arranged by Mrs. J. E. Fulver will be given.

Mrs. G. E. Bryson will be leader of the art department of the Woman's club at Thursday morning's meeting. The life and paintings of Peter Paul Rubens will be studied.

The oratory department of the Woman's club will meet Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Daughters of the American Revolution will be entertained Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George B. Darr, 22 South Thirty-eighth street. There will be several out-of-town guests. Mrs. Abraham Allee of San Francisco and Mrs. Charles S. Lobinger of Manila, P. I.,

both formerly of Omaha, and Mrs. D. W. Bicknell of Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Bicknell will tell the Daughters about the "Block Certificate," the method originated by Mrs. Block of Chicago for paying off the indebtedness on Continental Hall, the national headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Walter Williams will report the social doings of the recent conference of the state Daughters of the American Revolution at Kearney, and Mrs. C. H. Aull will report the business sessions.

The regular program will consist of an historical reading by Mrs. J. W. Griffith, a paper on "Home, Sweet Home," by Mrs. Philip Potter; a recitation, "The Man Without a Country," by Miss A. Roberts, and several musical numbers.

Mrs. A. L. Patrick will lead the meeting of Mu Sigma Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. W. Guenther. "Shakespeare, the Poet," will be the topic of the meeting. Mrs. S. R. Lund will give a reading from the sonnets, and Mrs. N. P. Fell will talk on "Shakespeare's Friends."

The department of literature will give a program on the writings of Edgar Allan Poe at Tuesday's meeting of the Century Literary club of South Omaha. Mrs. J. Randall will lead the meeting and will read a paper on "The Short Story of Ingenuity." Mrs. N. M. Graham will read selections from "The Gold Bug." There will be a class discussion on whether Poe's stories bear rereading, as do the stories with more character interest.

Prof. Paul H. Grumann's lecture Monday afternoon at the Young Women's Christian association will be on "Thor" and "Donner" of German mythology and on Wagner's "Tannhauser."

The Persian history class, under the direction of Mrs. Ida Hanchett, will meet Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the public library. Mrs. Hanchett's French history class will meet at the library Friday morning at 10.

The Pletades, a club of seven sisters-in-law, enjoyed a Longfellow day Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. Erwin. Papers were read on Longfellow as a man and as a poet. Halloween ideas were carried out in house decoration and refreshments.

Mrs. F. W. Lehnhoff will be hostess of the meeting of the P. E. O. sisterhood Thursday. Mrs. O. H. Menoid and Mrs. Bryant are the committee in charge and Mrs. T. H. Matters will tell about her travels abroad.

The American Women's league will open a woman's exchange in room 222 in the Board of Trade building Saturday morning, and will hold the exchange there every Saturday. It will be a sort of fair at which women may sell their own wares and buy those of others. The counters will contain foods of different kinds—breads, cake, pie, jellies, preserves, pickles, fresh eggs and other products, and also aprons, neckwear and other articles of wearing apparel, fancy work and household goods. Tea will be served. The league will require 25 per cent of

sales made, the money to be used toward putting up a chapter house in Omaha. The women who will have charge of the opening Saturday are Mesdames Clara E. Burbank, W. B. Howard, Carrie O. Scott, J. M. Sturdevant, Ida Baum, Robert Allen, Jeannette White.

The annual distribution of garments to the hospitals and charitable institutions of the city by the Needlework guild, will be made Thursday afternoon at the Jacobs Memorial hall.

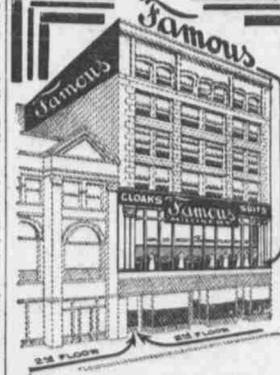
MUCH IN STORE FOR SOCIETY

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High school and Mr. McAllister, a senior, Miss Edwards finished school at Miss Mason's, The Castle at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, and Mr. McAllister attended the University of Nebraska, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

The wedding will take place Tuesday evening December 19 at the First Congregational church, after which they will reside at Oakland, where Mr. McAllister is in business with his father who is land commissioner for the Southern Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Patterson of Denison, Ia., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Olive, to Dr. Charles M. Remson, late surgeon, in charge of Johns Hopkins hospital. Dr. Remson is the son of President Ira Remson of Johns Hopkins university. Miss Patterson is the daughter of a prominent retired banker of Iowa and is well known



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