

# Society Notes

April 5

### Record of Bridal Journey.

From Mr. Philip Metz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metz of this city, who with his bride is on his wedding journey to Japan, comes the most interesting and complete letters that ever a bridal pair sent back to the friends at home. The journey begins at the time of their arrival in Vancouver, from which they sailed on the Empress of Russia for the east January 26.

The rumor of a German raider in the Pacific alarmed the travelers, but the Marconi wireless newspaper on board gave no information in regard to it.

"The sea has been very rough since we started," wrote Mr. Metz, "and the waves appear tremendously high; I thought we were at least experiencing a violent gale when I came on deck the first morning and saw the heavy sea rolling. However, a sailor whom I spoke to, informed me that only a mild sea was running. I knew that this would be his answer, since seafaring men never seem to admit that the sea is anything but a millpond; it is their chief delight, I believe, to call a hurricane or a typhoon 'A bit of a choppy sea, sir,' and then watch the innocent landlubber questioner. They are either born optimists or most proficient prevaricators."

A dance on shipboard provoked comment from Mr. Metz. "In the evenings a dance is held in the reception hall, but the conditions under which one must trip the light fantastic are not at all conducive to peaceful dancing. For one thing, the Philippine band on board was not brought up on the one-step and fox-trot, and the sounds they bring forth from their instruments, while pleasing to the ear, are more fitted for their own native dances than for the modern American ballroom steps. But one can't be too particular on shipboard, and the women must be appeased, so we trip gaily forth. Trip is the right word, for just in the midst of an especially pleasing whirl of some sort the ship gives a lurch and we stumble to the ample lap of some old lady. Our composure is shaken, but not our determination, and we essay another attempt; everything goes lovely until the Empress starts another long dive and when we take the next step we find the floor has left us, so down we fall with our fair partner looking daggers at us for not maintaining our equilibrium, to say nothing of our dignity. However, it's all great sport; if one possessed one leg shorter than the other, navigation on a ship's slanting ballroom deck would be simplified."

Mr. and Mrs. Metz were among the guests at a dinner party given by ex-Mayor and Mrs. David Rose of Milwaukee, now of Washington. A course served in Chinese style with chopsticks proved very exciting. Mr. Rose is on his way to China as head of the Honorary Commercial Commission composed of industrial United States business men who are going to China to stimulate trade interest between the two countries and prepare the way for the investment of United States capital, which will be the means of binding the already strong friendship of the Chinese republic to the United States. They were later to become members of the Rose party, which had chartered a special train for Nagasaki from Yokohama, where after a three days' trip inland they would re-embark upon the Empress of Russia.

"My next letter will be sent either from Manila or Hong Kong. We are both in perfect health; our first four weeks of wedded life have flown by, so you may judge from that how much we are enjoying ourselves. Our itinerary after leaving Manila will be, as follows: Hong Kong, Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Tien Tsin, Peking, Seoul, Korea, thence to Japan via Mukden, arrive at Shimonoseki, thence to inland sea and Kobe, Tokyo and Yokohama. We leave for Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, and May 20 leave for San Francisco."

### Wedding Announcements.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McHenry announce the marriage of their daughter Cora, to Mr. W. A. Nelson, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Nelson, which took place Saturday at 4 o'clock at St. Andrew's church in the presence of only the n-ers of the couple. Rev. John E. Flockhart performed the marriage ceremony, and they left immediately for a short wedding trip. The wedding of Miss Iva Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sheldon, of Kearney, Neb., and Mr. Albert C. Hodges of Madrid, Ia., took place at the Hotel Fontenelle Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. F. F. Young of the First Presbyterian church at Des Moines, an old friend of the couple, came to perform the ceremony.

### Notes of Interest.

Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith, who is now in the east, will be the delegate from the local Alliance Francaise at the annual meeting to be held at the Biltmore in New York City Saturday, April 14. Ambassador Jusserand will preside and Le Roy White of Baltimore, the president, will entertain the delegates at luncheon.

### Social Engagements.

The Unitarian Junior club will give an informal subscription dance at Turpin's hall, April 12.

The Deborah Franklin club postponed its luncheon of today at the Blackstone until next Thursday on account of Holy week.

Mrs. F. R. Dalley will entertain the Friday Bridge Luncheon club at the Blackstone tomorrow, when nine guests will be present.

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### Early Season Dance Dress

Of all frocks that spring has offered there is none which more completely typifies spring herself than this marvelous little dance dress. Over pink satin, pale as a sea shell and soft as the flush on a white skin, creamy white chiffon is draped. The bodice, which is drawn softly around the figure, is of the flesh-colored satin. The skirt is of the chiffon; it hangs in soft fullness under the girdlings of yellow satin embroidered in green. Just back of the hips the skirt makes a sudden turn and climbs stilly to the shoulders. Embroideries of yellow and green encrust the chiffon sumptuously and make a background for the arms on the angel sleeves, into which the mounting skirt changes. There is a square train of the satin with a coquettish tassel poised at one side of it.



Kugel Discovers Butter Has Started to Ascend

City Commissioner Kugel did not know butter had advanced until he scanned a bill for butter sent by a local firm to the city smallpox hospital. The item showed 46 cents a pound, which aroused the commissioner's interest.

"What's this?" he asked the health commissioner.

"That's for butter at 46 cents a pound," was the reply.

"We get butter at our house for 35 or 37 cents a pound," rejoined the commissioner.

"You don't get better butter for that price," answered the health commissioner.

Mr. Kugel telephoned and learned that his butter at home cost 47 cents a pound at present. He subsided.

### Five Omaha Young Women Qualify as War Nurses

Five young women of last term's Red Cross class at the Young Women's Christian association have just received certificates from the national society qualifying them to assist the regular Red Cross nurses in time of war. They are Misses Nellie Fitch, Emma Kostal, Edna B. Letovsky, Bertha M. Newman and Clara Rice. The passing grade is 75 per cent. The highest grade in this class was 95 per cent.

The present class, numbering twenty-three, will take the examination the last of this month. Ten have already enrolled for a second class, which meets for the first time Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

### Parks Will Haul All Rubbish on Cleanup Day

The city commissioners agreed to "Let George do it," meaning that George S. Parks, street commissioner, will have charge of the hauling feature of the city-wide cleanup campaign to be held on April 20 and 21.

The council voted to appropriate \$2,000, but Mr. Parks said he would pay for the hauling out of his regular fund, which was agreed.

The commissioners definitely decided that the city will not remove ashes. The plan is to have householders place rubbish and cans in heaps in alleys, ready for the haulers.

Complete details of the campaign will be worked out next week.

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### Need Fixed System for Pronunciation of English

By GARRETT P. SERVISS.

There is a reform affecting the language which Americans speak that is of far greater importance and usefulness than simplified spelling. It is the establishment of a uniform system of pronunciation. There are hundreds of words that we use every day which nobody really knows how to pronounce, because he can find no universally recognized authority to guide him.

It is hopeless to turn to the great dictionaries, with their "omnium gatherums" of words and pictures. They give you two or three contradictory forms, and then, not content with that amount of mystification, append a long list of "disputed pronunciations," with the suggestive earmark XIII, which is about as comforting to the perplexed wanderer in the misty mid-region of orthoepy (pronounce the word correctly is you can) as a tangled swamp is to a man already lost in the woods.

The dictionaries do not improve the matter by offering "preferred" pronunciations, because no two dictionaries agree in their preferences, and if every man followed uncompromisingly only his own favorite dictionary we should be nearly as bad off as were the people around the Tower of Babel when smitten with a "confusion of tongues."

The schools do not help, because some teachers range themselves under one banner, others under a second, others under a third, while many boldly raise the black flag of orthoepical piracy, to which I confess I myself have an inclination, for if no man can obey two masters much less can he obey a dozen!

The situation is not merely ridiculous; it is very injurious. It damages the language itself. It renders the language more difficult of acquisition by foreigners, as well as by our

own children. It causes distraction of thought, for if you hear a speaker pronounce a word in a way that strikes you as odd, or incorrect, your attention is diverted from the subject under discussion.

It causes a great loss of time and mental energy and produces a feeling of uncertainty, for when you look up a word in your dictionary and find that several varying pronunciations are offered, you must devote time and thought to the making of a choice, and after you have made your choice, the next person you talk with or the next speaker you listen to may upset the judgment on which the choice was based.

Difficulties of this kind will always, necessarily, attach to newly coined words, but it is inexcusable that words whose meaning everybody knows should not have a perfectly settled pronunciation.

As I write I turn to the list of disputed pronunciations in the back part of a huge dictionary, and I find that the word "quinine" has seven different forms and shades of pronunciation. This is encouraging for anybody who wants to ask for it in a drug store. There are two distinct ways to say "dilemma," which is a good way to leave the inquirer in one. There are five ways to say "comrade," besides the way they say it between the trench lines. There is a "pa-tri-ot" and a "pat-ri-ot," each as good as the other.

An "ar-is-to-crat" is sometimes an "ar-is-to-crat," which doesn't improve him. You may eat an "a-prico" or an "ap-ri-cot" and get the same taste. Four ways are discriminated for pronouncing "beautious," but I give them all up and stick to my own way.

If you ever get any renison (and for my part I don't want any), you can pronounce it with three syllables or leave the middle one out. If you think "smouch" is too strong a word, you can soften it by calling it "smooch"—but beware of spelling it that way. "Acoustics" may be turned into "acousticks," which is certainly more suggestive of hellowing. A "cap-on" cannot be told from a "cap-on" when it is on the table. Some pronounce "bowsprit" ho-sprit and bow-sprit—at least so say the dictionaries;

but I should rather pronounce it like a sailor if I could. "E-lec-tric-ity" is also called "el-ec-tric-ity," which isn't much of a difference; but whether you say "humor" or "umor" and "humble" or "umble" depends upon the side of the ocean on which you were born.

You may be "de-co-rous" or "de-co-rous" in your conduct, and the dictionaries will give you equal praise. You may apostrophize the moon either as "Di-an-a" or "Di-a-na," she won't notice the difference, though your friends may. You may say that a proposition is "dis-pu-table" or "disput-able," according as you find one or the other the easier to speak. You may talk of "or-ches-tral" or "orchest-ral" music (making the ch sound like k, of course), and if anybody objects you can get a dictionary to back you up.

These are only a few out of a vast number of words that are unsettled in pronunciation. If the persons who are busy inflicting upon us some of the new spellings that don't spell would organize an American Academy of Orthoepy, they might be better employed.

### North Presbyterian Is Now Nearly Out of Debt

At the annual congregational meeting of the North Presbyterian church Wednesday night following a supper served by women, the 1917 meeting was held. The report of the treasurer showed a reduction of \$2,500 in the church building debt during the last year. This leaves an indebtedness of \$7,000, the only outstanding obligation. The church property is estimated to be worth \$60,000.

The annual budget to meet current expenses was increased from \$6,000 to \$6,500. The greater portion of the increase was for music and janitor's salary. As members of the board of elders Robert McEachron, John Trench, Harry Herzog and G. C. Walters were selected.

On the board of trustees James Allen was elected to succeed himself and Dean Davison, Jack Brengle and Al Gordon to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of terms of other trustees.

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