

What is Going On in Society Circles

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of Des Moines, Ia., are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. S. Rife, in Omaha for a fortnight.

Mrs. Bertha Clarke Holmes of Council, Idaho, a former Omaha girl, arrives today or Monday to spend two weeks with Mrs. W. H. Holmes. Both Mrs. Holmes and her late husband have friends in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fish spent last Saturday and Sunday in Little Rock, Ark., visiting their son, Mrs. Herbert H. Fish, at Fort Logan H. Root.

Miss Dorothy Raymond of Lincoln is spending a week with Miss Sybil Nelson.

Miss Helen Bunclark of Detroit, the niece and guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Johnston, left Tuesday evening. Miss Ethel Johnston, another niece from Detroit, is also a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and will be here some time.

Miss Zara Trovillo of North Platte, who has been soloist at St. Cecilia's church here for several years, leaves this week with her mother for New York, where they will join Mrs. Millie Ryan and spend three months in special musical work.

Mrs. Millie Ryan left Friday night for New York, where she will be joined by four of her students from Omaha, to spend the summer.

Mrs. D. E. Jenkins and Master Daniel Edwards Jenkins, jr., are spending the summer months visiting in Pennsylvania. The baby celebrated his first birthday Thursday, Dr. Jenkins is remaining in Omaha, but leads a lonesome life without his young son.

Miss Marguerite Lohman of Lincoln comes this week to visit the Misses Beatrice and Geraldine Johnson at their Seymour Lake cottage.

Mrs. Alfred O. Peterson and sons, Ward and Richard, are spending the summer in the Black Hills at their camp on Castle Creek.

Omaha friends are hoping that the selection of Mr. Henry Tefft Clarke, jr., to succeed Mr. E. J. McVann in Commercial club rate bureau here will bring back to this city as a resident his wife, who was formerly Miss Grace Allen of this city, and is one of the queens of Ak-Sar-Bem. She and Mr. Clarke went to Lincoln when he was appointed railway commissioner, a position he has held until recently.

At Happy Hollow Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles McFayden entertained at Happy Hollow club in honor of Miss Agnes Russell and her fiancé, Mr. Frederick Stott.

Mr. W. S. Wright had as his guests at dinner:

- Misses—Dorothy Wright, Margaret Wright, Leland Potter.
- Adah Wright.
- Misses—William Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Belden had ten guests, Mrs. George Rasmussen had a party of twelve and Mr. Frank Carpenter had ten guests.

Mrs. J. A. Henske gave a dinner party in honor of her husband, Dr. J. A. Henske, who has received his commission in the reserve officers' medical corps and leaves this week for Fort Douglas, Utah. Mrs. Henske may join her husband later. Last night's party included: Doctors and Mesdames—J. E. Pulver, H. M. McClanshan, J. E. Pulver, Miss Mildred Rhodes, Mr. Edward Henke of Fort Omaha.

With the Social Clubs.

The Pagoda club entertained Tuesday night at a picnic supper, bathing and dancing at Carter Lake club. The members present were:

- Misses—Jennie Christenson, Betty Dixon, Jane Shaffer, Lois Ostrom, Maria Widows, Maude Rowe.
- Mesdames—J. Griffith, M. B. Ruffner, Harry Dunit, W. Brockmiller, E. E. Penner, E. V. Kelly, E. Schwelger.
- Misses—Korinna Saunders, Mabel Norris, Wilma Melot, Ruth Winegard, Marie Zorn, Gladys R. Gerke.
- Mesdames—Charlotte Smith, H. Kane, V. Bellinapp, J. V. Merrill, F. Arndt, George Marsh.

Miss Lester Anderson entertained the Bidawees club at the cricket room Tuesday for luncheon and later at the Strand.

At the Field Club.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Knapp gave a dinner-dance party at the Field club last night, which included Misses Esther and Ruth Knapp and their cousin, Miss Minnie Robinson, of Mount Air, Ia., who is their guest. Three young men from Fort Omaha completed the party.

At the Country Club.

The Saturday night dinner-dance at the Country club was popular with bachelors and summer-widowers, for several large parties were entertained by them. General George H. Harries, who is up from Lincoln for a short time, had a party of ten, as did also Mr. C. T. Kountze, whose wife is now at Lake Minnetonka, and Mr. M. C. Peters, whose wife is out of the city. Mr. Robert Connell had a party of fourteen as his guests.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Colpeter had their usual Saturday night party. Miss Elizabeth Reed and Mr. W. B. Millard each had foursomes.

At Seymour Lake Country Club.

Little Miss Marguerite Donahue celebrated her eighth birthday by entertaining a number of little friends at her home Friday afternoon. A large birthday cake was the center of attraction. Her guests were:

- Misses—Helen Nygaard, Josephine Reynolds, Margaret Johnson, Helen Bassett, Miriam Kinser, Marguerite Orion, Mary Alice Donahue, Virginia Donahue, Betty Donahue.

Master John Dean Ringer. Mrs. John Bekins is entertaining Miss Louise Kinzie of Arcadia as a week-end guest.

Miss Emaline Pettigill is the house guest of Mrs. A. S. Midam. Complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Webb Hill of Rapid City, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Holcomb entertained at dinner Friday night. Covers were laid for:

- Mesdames—George Supra, Rapid City, S. D.; A. A. Holcomb, Miss Ethel Anderson.
- Mr. Ned Alvord of Boston, Mass.
- Miss Margaret Beck of San Francisco, the Misses Potter and Miss Bertha Baumer were guests of Mr. J. F. Aull Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Luckless entertained four guests at dinner Friday and Miss Anne Prange had two guests.

At Carter Lake Club. Mrs. Frank T. Pfeiffer won high score at the meeting Friday morning of the Carter Lake Cottagers' Bowling club. Friday night Mr. L. T. Fowler had

MOTHER AND SMALL SON VISIT IN EAST.



Mrs. D. E. Jenkins and Daniel Edwards Jenkins, Jr.

as his guests Misses Irene Downey, Gladys Putnam, Frances Ballard and Messrs. Arthur Jackson and P. H. Gray.

On Wednesday following the regular luncheon of the Carter Lake Kensington club, with Mrs. Carrie Dawson presiding, a meeting of the new Carter Lake Red Cross auxiliary will be held. Mrs. E. E. Crane, chairman of the auxiliary, has secured Mrs. O. C. Redick to talk to the women on the work. A large number of interested friends and workers is expected to attend this organization meeting.

South Side Social Activities

Miss Grace Stilwell is visiting relatives in Lincoln. Mr. E. R. Knight, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. L. A. Knight, has gone to Gordon, Wis.

Word has been received from W. L. Kellogg, who is in Chicago for eye treatment, that he is improving. Mr. John Eskew and family, Mrs. Charles Eskew, Mrs. Charles Briggs and family and Mrs. John Shepherd motored up from Shenandoah, Ia., and spent the day with relatives.

Dorcas club will meet with Mrs. John Wells Friday afternoon. A new branch of Red Cross relief work will be organized this week.

On Thursday afternoon the Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will hold a picnic at Spring Lake park. They will serve an army meal for refreshments. Mrs. Clyde Kells is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Mrs. J. G. Robertson entertained the Whist club Thursday. High scores were made by Mesdames O'Neill and Route.

On Friday evening the First South Side Congregational church entertained at an ice cream and pie social. Mr. La Vern Straley and Miss Hazel Williams were married Saturday. They will make their home on the South Side.

The marriage of Miss Tillie Harm and Harry Johnson took place Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Frances church, Rev. Father Gluba performing the ceremony. The attendants were Miss Anna Harm and Emmet Eggleston. The bride was attired in a beautiful white crepe de chine gown, trimmed with satin bands and wore a tulle veil made cap effect, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaid also wore a white crepe de chine gown and carried roses. Following the wedding a

JUNE BRIDE MAKES WEDDING KNOWN.



Mrs. J. S. Callaghan

breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents for twenty-four friends and relatives. After a wedding trip to Missouri the young couple will make their home in South Omaha.

Miss Margaret McMahon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McMahon, and William Kiniry of Beloit, Kan., were married Wednesday morning at Burwell, Neb., at the Sacred Heart church by the bride's brother, Rev. Father James McMahon. Mr. and Mrs. Kiniry returned to Omaha Wednesday and on Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Mahon entertained at a family party in their honor. After spending a few days here they will go on an extended western trip, following which they will make their home in Beloit, Kan., where the groom is engaged in business.

On Tuesday Viret E. Conley and Miss Lillian Young surprised their friends and families by being quietly married. This is the second wedding in the Conley family this month. Only two weeks ago Sheldon Conley and Miss Grace Hill were married. Mr. Conley and bride will make their home in this city.

Corn Reaches New Mark Here of \$2.16 a Bushel

Of the 259 carloads of corn marketed Saturday in the grain centers of the United States 114 carloads, or nearly one-half of it, was handled by the Omaha Grain exchange. Chicago sold eighty-five, St. Louis, fifty-one, and Kansas City, nine carloads.

The corn receipts here are coming from not only Nebraska, but from Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, and the cereal is being rushed to this market by reason of the high cash prices being paid.

Omaha cash corn prices were marked up to another new top when sales were made at \$2.16 a bushel. Ten carloads were sold at this figure. There was nothing in the way of corn that sold under \$2.09 and the bulk of it went at better than \$2.12. Prices were 3/4¢ over those of Friday.

Wheat made a bulge of 8¢@10 cents a bushel and sold at \$2.83@2.85 a bushel. Receipts were light, but five carloads on the market. Oats sold 1¢@2 cents up and at 80¢@81 cents a bushel. Receipts were thirty-seven carloads.

Paxton Hotel to Open Its New Chocolate Shop

The Paxton hotel will open tomorrow its new up-to-the-minute cafe, lunch and soda fountain, which will be known as the Paxton Chocolate shop. The furnishings of this new sweet shop are most elaborate, the two new fountains and all tables being of marble, with other fixtures designed to fit the surroundings. Richard Kitchen extends an invitation to Omahans to visit his new shop. He says the business men of Omaha will find this a most attractive place for their noon-day lunch.

Idaho Town of Thousand Is Wiped Out by Fire

Spokane, Wash., July 21.—Harrison, Idaho, of 1,000 population, is burning, according to word received today asking for assistance. A telegram from J. W. Cook, councilman of Harrison, to Mayor Fleming of Spokane, reads: "All of business and part of residence portion of Harrison burned. Fire still raging. City out of food and burned out of homes. We need bedding and food for tonight."

See Wants-Ads Produce Results.

The Cabinet in Congress

By Frederic J. Haskin

Washington, July 19.—One of the most radical changes of recent years is being proposed for our federal government. It is urged that cabinet officers be invited, and also required, to take seats in congress on certain fixed days, with the privilege of addressing the houses and the duty of answering questions. The project finds a good deal of support, though it is a long way from becoming law yet. It is interesting at the moment rather as a sign of the times.

The idea is no new one. Apparently it has been aroused from a thirty-five year sleep by the war crisis and the desire of congress for information. Many members of congress feel that they are not sufficiently well posted on "inside" details of the many tremendously important projects now under way—the mobilization of the National Guard and the conscript army, the anti-submarine campaign, the food conservation program, the financial plan, and half a dozen others. They do not accuse anyone of trying to hide information from them, but they complain of a lack of machinery by which they can get it quickly and exactly. Hence the proposal to seat members of the cabinet in congress, where a member with a question weighing him down can get up and ask the head of the department concerned.

As matters stand today, a member of congress who desires to question the administration can either pay a personal visit to the cabinet officer he wants to see, or else he can introduce a resolution calling on the executive branch to furnish congress with certain information. The first method has many manifest shortcomings. The interview between the member and the secretary is unofficial, there is no record of what is said for either party to fall back upon in case of dispute in the future, the information is given to only a single member of congress instead of to the whole body, and in many cases bitter political disputes of the past may make it a delicate undertaking for a cabinet member and a congressman or senator to get together. One way of getting around the lack of a permanent record of such semi-official conferences is seen in the practice, growing more common, of letters written from men high in the executive branch to members of congress, and afterward given out for publication.

Weaknesses of our legislative plan.

It is pointed out that the committee member is no substitute for the cabinet member. Behind the doors of the committee room he gets more information than he divulges, in order to guide him in framing his bills. He convinces himself of the necessity for certain provisions, and the house as a whole is often asked to take that necessity on faith. "Every line in this bill has been carefully considered by experts," is about what the inquiring colleague is usually told. "If necessary we could convince you that it is the best possible measure. But we ask you to take our word for it and not delay the game." This attitude has been particularly marked since the declaration of war.

In spite of the need for haste, there is a large coterie of inquiring spirits in congress who want to ask questions under almost any circumstances. Doubtless there is need for haste, and obstructionists should be blasted by public opinion, but none the less these legislative interrogation points are a valuable part of the congressional machine. Measures at once so important and so revolutionary as those we are adopting today need to be subjected to all the intelligent questioning they can get. These inquiring members would like to have the sources of information where they can get at them.

The cabinet officer on the floor of congress could refuse to answer any question where he considered that the information desired had best not be made public. The cabinet ministers abroad spend most of their time refusing to answer questions. Nevertheless, no one can follow debates in the House of Commons or the French Chamber of Deputies without seeing that the members get a good deal of what they are after. They circle around and around the position of the minister with their queries, and by piecing together his denials and his affirmations they get an idea of the state of affairs. This is chiefly because they can ask a dozen questions in ten minutes. Our system has the defect that it may take a week for a member of congress to get an answer to a single one.

It is evident that the chief merit of having cabinet officers seated in congress would be the chance given members to get information quickly and directly. It is said that congress would be quicker to enact legislation

giving broad and absolute powers to the executive branch of government if it could keep a string on its laws, so to speak, by having a chance to cross-examine the heads of the executive departments engaged in putting them into effect. As it is, congress is slow to vote very broad powers, because once they are voted the executive branch has absolute authority.

On the other hand, there is strong opposition to having the cabinet in congress on the ground that such a plan would be out of place in our system of government. It is pointed out that abroad, where all cabinet ministers sit in the respective legislative bodies, wherever there is democratic government, at least, the cabinet is a different institution, both in theory and practice, from our own. The English or French cabinet, for example, is continually subordinate to the legislative body. When the prime minister and the members of his official family are called to account by legislators they are reporting to their masters. Any time they cannot command the support of the legislative branch they fall.

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