

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Seacrest moved this week into their new home, 1634 A street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Neal of University Place left yesterday for the eastern cities and Canada to be absent two months.

Mrs. F. M. Hall, president of the woman's club, will be at home informally Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, to members of the executive board and members of committees.

The First Baptist kensington was pleasantly entertained Tuesday by Mrs. C. B. Gurney at Normal. Thirty-five ladies enjoyed a social afternoon, and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

A lawn sociable was given Thursday evening by the young people of the First Congregational church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Horton. The rain interfered somewhat with the illuminations which were to have been very brilliant.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Richards, daughter of Mrs. L. C. Richards, and Mr. Lowe Arnott Ricketts, son of Mr. A. C. Ricketts, will be celebrated Tuesday, August fifth, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at Mrs. Richards' residence. The wedding will be a very quiet one.

A few musical people were privileged, one afternoon this week, to hear Mr. Charles Steckelberg, the young violinist who recently won the diamond medal in Chicago, play. Mr. Steckelberg has a fine technique and plays with remarkable taste and fervor. It is evident that he is in love with his art and that he has decided talent, although he modestly says that anyone could have accomplished as much, who had worked as hard as he. He has had the advantage of having been reared in a musical atmosphere as his father, Mr. Henry Steckelberg, is a fine musician, who was, years ago, first cello player in the Philharmonic orchestra in New York City, and was also a member of Gilmore's band when it made one of its triumphal European tours.

The Nebraska Epworth Assembly

The sixth annual of this remarkably successful Assembly will open at Lincoln park on Aug. 6 and close on Aug. 14. The program is one of great excellence and will fully maintain the reputation of former years. A beautiful prospectus may be had by addressing President L. O. Jones, 136 North 13th street.

The Barber and His Air Machine

Rural visitors from Panama, Rokeby or Waverly get a surprise now and then when they visit Lincoln barber shops. For at the conclusion of the shave the tonsorial expert reaches for a rubber tube, presses a mystical spring and out rushes all sorts of unadulterated wind.

The storm center of an artificial cyclone travels around over the features of the victim and now and then sends cold shivers down his spinal column.

What is all this for? The question is natural and proper. It comes from the lips of the customer as soon as the gale is over.

About this time the features of the barber are stolid and calm. With extreme cautiousness he explains that when the countenance of a customer is damp it should be dried before the man leaves the chair. Usually the way this was done was by rubbing with a towel. It took considerable work to make this satisfactory. Besides the rubbing sometimes irritates an unusually sensitive face now and then.

But Yankee genius has done away with all of this. It has been observed that a southern gale in August can make dry tatters of green cornstalks. Other shrivelling effects of air in motion have also been observed. So genius got the idea of drying the complexion

PRIZES FOR PHOTOS

The Courier has inaugurated a prize photo contest for amateur camera devotees. The management will pay a weekly prize of \$1 for the best and most unique view of any outdoor scene in Lincoln or its suburbs.

Views of persons alone are generally undesirable, but outdoor views including persons, if the camera manipulator cares to take them, will be as acceptable as the bare scene alone. Faces in all cases should be distinct.

Contestants must be amateurs in the meaning that those whose livelihood is directly derived from photography will not be permitted to compete.

Views must be left with the business office of the Evening News, addressed to "Editor Courier," contestants being careful to write full names and addresses on the back of each print.

The contest will close each week on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to permit the prize winning photo being reproduced in the Courier of the following Saturday. Photos may be entered any day during the week but those submitted later in the week than Monday at 3 p. m. must go over for the competition the week following.

The weekly prize winner will be announced in the Evening News of Friday each week and the prize paid on Saturday at the business office, Ninth and P streets.

The Courier solicits photographs for the first contest, which begins next week.

The Courier reserves the right to use such photos for publication as are deemed worthy but which fail to win any of the weekly prizes, proper credit being given to the photographer in all cases.

Competitors will favor the paper by submitting plain prints instead of those mounted on card board. A consistent effort will be made to return all photos to the owners.

of the public at the end of the barbering process by a small tornado of compressed air.

Genius in different parts of the country got the idea simultaneously. Two or three different patterns of com-

WASHINGTON BELLE TO WED A DIPLOMAT



M. CONSTANTINE BRUN

According to Washington gossip the announcement of an important engagement may shortly be expected. Miss Mathilde Townsend, a Washington belle, and M. Constantine Brun, the Danish minister, are the central figures in the romance. Miss Townsend is a girl of simple and unaffected tastes although she will inherit a fortune of \$80,000 a year. M. Brun is of very good family and stands high in favor at the Danish court. There is quite an unusual romance attaching to this love affair, M. Brun, who is forty years of age having been desperately in love, twenty years ago with Miss Townsend's mother, when the latter was Miss Mary Scott.

pressed air apparatus are on the market. One consists of a tank where the air is stored and compressed by water pressure. This kind works with little or no attention.

Another brand of the apparatus has a pump annexed and the atmosphere is put under pressure by the muscular energy of the porter.

Four of the outfits have been placed in Lincoln. The cost varies between \$50 and \$75.

Ludicrous incidents happened time after time until the customers got used to the innovation. A favorite trick of the barber was to suddenly aim the stream of air at the opening between the collar band and the flesh of the man in the chair. The air poured down his body in gusts and the frightened one would make a jump to get out of the chair. Of course this was never tried on people who would get "sore."

Once in a while there is an extremely nervous man who doesn't want compressed air. After one trial he will say so. Then the barber sighs regretfully and falls back upon the old process of face drying.

"It was a quiet wedding, I presume?"
"Oh, yes; the groom acted as if he had been hypnotized."

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