

duckies, who caused a flurry in feminine hearts whenever he appeared.

Young Washington was always falling in love, and after his engagement to Mrs. Custis was announced his mother wrote to a friend: "I have had a great deal of trouble with George, but it is all over now." His first attack of the heart occurred when he was 15 years old, and the object of his affections was Miss Frances Alexander, aged 17, whose father's plantation adjoined Mount Vernon.

There is a letter on record in which Washington asked Mr. Fauntleroy's permission to make a proposal of marriage to his daughter "in the hope of a revocation of a former cruel sentence." But the father's reply was unfavorable, as usual, and Miss Betsy afterwards married Thomas Adams of Williamsburg. It is a tradition of that town that after her rejected suit or became famous and visited Williamsburg as the guest of the people she watched the triumphant pageant from a window and when the great hero saw her he waved his sword and saluted her, whereupon the lady fainted away.

On another occasion he fell in love with Miss Mary Phillippe, the beautiful daughter of a wealthy English

Hudson near West Point. Washington promptly proposed, but was told that somebody else's coquette was already engaged to be married. Washington said afterward that he thought things might have resulted differently if he had waited "till the lady was in the mood." There was a tragic ending to this romance years after, when the haughty creature who had spurned the hand of the commander of the American forces was arrested as an English spy. She was thrown into prison and all of her property was confiscated.

Washington was too wise to turn into a woman hater merely because he had been thrown down three times in succession. He knew there were plenty of pretty fish in the aquarium and that it would be only a matter of time when he'd make a good catch. That time came just two years after he was flitted by Miss Phillippe, and it happened in this way: Col. Washington was on his way to Williamsburg on official business, and while crossing Williams ferry was accosted by a hospitable old gentleman, who asked him to rest a while at his home in the neighborhood. The colonel answered that his pressing business would not permit the time. But, as an inducement, the old gentleman mentioned that among the guests at his house was the handsomest young widow in all Virginia! That changed matters. The young colonel smiled, hesitated, and then—well, then he decided that he had more time than he had supposed!

Upon reaching the house he was introduced to the fascinating widow, Mrs. Martha Parke Custis, and we can imagine the coy glances of this enticing young creature, for it was a case of love at first sight. And instead of getting away in a few hours as he had intended, old Bishop, the colonel's servant, held his horse in readiness for hours and hours. But his master didn't come. In fact his delighted host had little difficulty in persuading him to stay until the next day.

Washington had just returned from a brilliant campaign, was gallant, young and handsome, and the clever widow didn't lose any time bringing down her game! A few days later Col. Washington visited Mrs. Custis at her own beautiful home and this time he offered his heart and sword with success. It is quite evident that a propitious reception awaited him, for on the way to the house he asked a slave if Mrs. Custis was at home, and she said, "Yes, sah, I reckon you're the gentleman what's 'spected." They did not meet again till their marriage six months later.

At that time Martha Custis was 27 years old—just three months younger than her fiancé. She was short, had eyes that snapped, her manner was very gay, and she was thought by

some to be the most beautiful woman in America. She was the wealthiest woman in the old dominion and the mother of four children, two of whom were living. The marriage took place at the home of the bride in January, 1759. The exact date is uncertain.

HIGHLAND PARK NEWS.

The Rev. Mr. Bartlett occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church on Sunday February 16. He preached an able sermon on the ultimate triumph of Christianity Throughout the World. Mr. Bartlett is father-in-law of the President of Lake Forest University

The Presbyterian church has purchased the lot of land laying east of the church.

The Fire Department of Highland Park desires the announcement that their masquerade ball of Feb. 6th, was quite a success. The object of it from a financial point of view, was to assist them in their equipment and efficiency for the important work of protecting the city from

Quite a number of tickets for the ball were sent out to citizens for which there has been no return. The Committee would be very grateful if all who have not done so would send back the tickets or the money for them without delay as they want to check up and find the result.

This is a work that should appeal to every citizen whether they care for the ball or not. To no single department of our city work are we so completely dependent on occasions as the Fire Brigade.

Last year they earned \$175 00 and equipped themselves with rubber boots and other outfit, and they find constant call for expenditure independent of what the city allows.

Tickets or money should be sent at once to E. E. Farmer, Secretary and Treasurer, City, who with D. P. Sheahen and E. Evans constitute the Committee.

The Grammar School closed Friday on account of the Annual Mid-Year Institute at Waukegan, under direction of County Supt. T. Arthur Simpson,

Mr. J. L. Smith, Supt. is on the programme for a talk on the wild flowers of this region.

Mr. J. L. Smith led an excursion of 137 persons of the Geographic Society of Chicago, to Gary, Indiana, to see the beginnings of a great industrial city. While there they were the guests of the United States Steel Corporation.

Mrs. Hugh McFarland of Chicago, spent Tuesday of this week with Mrs. Underwood of Hazel avenue.

Miss Florence Vance of Madison, Wis., was the guest of Miss Helen Morgan last week.

Mrs. Pa. is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Boyington, North Sheridan Road.

Miss Margot Street was a week end guest of Mrs. J. B. Smith, of Laurel avenue.

Mrs. James Hastings of Ravenswood, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Doty, Central avenue, Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Jopson of Winnetka, was the guest of Mrs. W. Spengler, this week.

Mrs. Edward F. Carry of Highland Park, will entertain at luncheon Thursday, February 20th, at the Woman's

Athletic Club, Chicago. Covers laid for twenty.

Mrs. Barbara Brown is expected home from Kentucky this week.

A very interesting report of an address delivered by Judge Ewing, at Lincoln Avenue School, on Lincoln's birthday came to us last week too late for insertion. The address was full of incident, much of it being experience of the Judge's from personal memory of the the great Lincoln.

The Cadets of the Northwestern Military Academy, celebrate Washington's birthday with the annual Junior-Hop in the Drill Hall. The invitations call for the hours of 7:30 till 10:30 tonight Saturday February 22nd.

Principal Sandwick left on Wednesday for New York on account of the death of his father. He is expected to return by Monday.

Miss Frances Pratt of the Grammar

home in Lake Forest, to twenty-six of her friends.

Mrs. John Rudolph is expected home from the hospital next week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hutter and baby have moved to Highland Park from Ravenswood, and are now occupying the east half of Mr. Evan's double house on Central ave. Mrs. Hutter is well known here, as she was Miss Maud Inman.

Mrs. Dannemark of Willmette visited her sisters, Mrs. Frank Sheahen, Mrs. F. M. Evans and Mrs. John Snyder, Central avenue, last Saturday.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church postponed their annual business meeting from last Wednesday to next Tuesday when they will meet with Mrs. Tillman.

The Annual Hop of the Northwestern Military Academy is being held this evening.

The French Club was entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Earle Spencer on Thursday.

Mrs. Moore of Canada, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Troxel.

On Tuesday Mrs. Daniel Cobb entertained informally in Mrs. Moore's honor

Mrs. Jesse Sobey and cousin, Mrs. Alice Swift, visited friends in Chicago on Monday.

Mr. Le Roy Hodder of Cincinnati, is the guest of his uncle Mr. W. E. Waterhouse.

Mr. John Snyder of Central avenue is convalescing.

A lecture on the subject of Christian Science will be given in the church edifice at 3:30 p. m., next Sunday by the Rev. Wm. P. McKenzie, C. S. B. The lecture is free and all are cordially invited.

Woman's Club. The program this week was especially interesting and the ladies turned out in full force in spite of the inclement weather.

Mr. Trowbridge took part of the time in presenting the work of the Chicago News Boys Club.

Mrs. Pierson of Wilmette, Vice President of the District Federation gave a short address. The music for the occasion was furnished by Mrs. McClellan.

The subject of the afternoon was

Household Economy. This introduced the Hay Stove Fireless Cookery and was presided over by Miss Helen Whitney.

By means of this process, the ladies enjoyed the following menu. Oatmeal, Pork and Beans, Boston Brown Bread, Ham, Beets and Rice.

Extemporaneous talks were made by Mrs. Bastian, Campbell, Schumacher, Greene, Lavin and Woleott. Those present as hostesses were Dr. Roberts, L. J. Rice, Scott and Oleson.

Mr. W. L. De Wolf of Lake Forest, who is spending the winter in the South, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Underwood for a few days.

Mrs. Wickes of South Sheridan Rd. is expected home from Havana this week.

Mrs. W. J. Fyffe, of Lake ave., gave a card party last Thursday evening.

Mrs. C. A. Smith, of Belle ave., entertained at Luncheon Friday of this week.

Miss Wm. F. ...

A. R. The proceeds to be given to some patriotic cause in which they are interested.

Mrs. Charles True, of Cary, ave., entertained guests from Chicago last Sunday.

The County and Township S. S. officers gave their annual Banquet last Thursday evening at Libertyville. We hope to have more on this subject in our next week's paper.

Murray & Terry wants your houses furnished or vacant. Customers waiting Office 108 Dearborn St, Chicago.

It has been brought to the notice of the Post Office here, that the United States civil service examinations for the spring of 1908 will soon be held.

EX-SENATOR COON DEAD

The death is announced of Mr. Reuben W. Coon, who died suddenly at 1:30 a. m., Feb. 18th, of heart failure.

Mr. Coon has for many years been known as an active politician, and was Editor and owner of the Waukegan Gazette some years ago.

Last Sunday evening Mr. Coon spoke at the Congregational church Waukegan, and in the course of an interesting address he told of personal reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Coon was born in Indiana in March 1842. He was a staunch Republican and was a stalwart fighter in the ranks of his party.

On account of the storm on Tuesday the address of Attorney Tricket at Waukegan was postponed. The postponed meeting will be held Saturday night, Feb. 22nd at the New Armory Waukegan, Ill., Supt. Shields of the Anti-Saloon League will be present, Hon. Chas. Whitney will preside. Alvan Thatcher the greatest bass soloist in America will sing. The Ladies quartette and the Loyal Legion chorus will sing.

DR. J. F. ROEMER, Chairman.

Northwestern University Glee Club Entertainment.

Only once in four years is the public permitted to attend an entertainment on the evening of February the twenty-ninth, and this year the boys of the Round Table have "cinched" that date for the people of Highland Park and vicinity. The entertainment is to be held at the Auditorium of the Elm Place School. It will begin at eight o'clock. The entertainers will consist of the famous Northwestern University Glee Club. Lovers of fun, lovers of good