

Society Notes

May 3

Opening View of Art Exhibit.

When it rains all night and all day, so that your warm fire feels too comfortable to leave, some big event must come along to draw you out where you can associate with all your friends and all the good people of the great city of Omaha. Today the big event is the opening of the Franco-Belgian art exhibit at the Auditorium under the auspices of the Fine Arts society. Mrs. Ward Burges and the exhibition committee have been working long and tirelessly to arrange this gigantic exhibit.

Today at 4 o'clock and until 10 o'clock this evening the opening view will be held. All the formality of previous art exhibits has been done away with for this occasion, in order that every one may have this opportunity to see the paintings, etchings and drawings which are going across the United States on exhibit in all the large cities since the close of the Panama-Pacific exhibition.

The entire board of directors of the Fine Arts society, including Messrs. William G. Ure, Leonard Everett, John McDonald, Carroll R. Belden, John R. Ringwalt, Z. T. Lindsey, Edgar M. Morsman, Jr., Oscar B. Williams, Edgar H. Scott, R. Beecher Howell, Charles T. Kountze, Ward M. Bugess, George Bernhard Prinz, J. E. Summers and E. L. Burke will be in charge of the exhibition this evening. Each of the 600 or more members of the society is supposed to constitute a committee of one to make the exhibition a complete success.

Proceeds will go for the relief of the French and Belgian artists who painted these pictures or for their wives and needy families. This lends a patriotic motive to the occasion which will bring many who may not be interested in art for art's sake. The exhibit will continue from 10 to 10 o'clock each day until May 16.

Brinker-Burley Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Mary Frances Brinker, daughter of Mr. Francis Joseph Brinker, to Mr. Lawrence Brinker, was solemnized with great impressiveness by Archbishop Jeremiah J. Hart, assisted by Father D. B. Harrington, at the home of the bride's father, Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Only a few intimate friends were privileged to join the relatives in witnessing the ceremony.

In the living room a bank of ferns and palms was arranged in the large bay window as a background for the bridal party. On either side burned tall cathedral candles, flanked by baskets of white lilies. Daisies and bride's roses were used with smilax and greens in the room. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mr. Cuthbert Potter and Mr. Robert Burns stretched ribbons for the bridal party.

The bride's gown was of soft white satin, draped to give a slight peg-top effect over the hips. It had an overlay of chiffon embroidered in silver, which fell the long court train. The bodice also was embroidered with silver, was cut square in the neck and had long flowing sleeves. Her long tulle veil did not cover her hair, but was held in place by a band of real orange blossoms sent by Mr. Gordon W. Wattles from his winter home, "Jualita," at Hollywood, Cal. Miss Burley was the fifth bride to be so honored, the others were: Miss Agnes Burley, now Mrs. J. MacMillan Harding; Miss Edith Thomas, Mrs. Wayland Magee; Miss Evelyn Baum, Mrs. John Rouse of Baltimore, and Miss Bertha Dickey, Mrs. Harold Blomfield Brown. She carried a shower of lilies of the valley, swansonia and white orchids. Mrs. J. MacMillan, the bride's sister, was matron of honor, wore a rose pink satin gown with embroidery of silver. It was cut square in the neck and had short sleeves. The skirt was draped with real peg-top giving a trouser effect around the bottom. She carried a shower bouquet of pink sweet peas.

Baskets of Ophelia roses and spring flowers were in the other rooms, with exception of the supper room, where Russell roses furnished a rosy setting for the festive occasion. A reception at 9 o'clock followed the marriage. Assisting throughout the rooms were Mesdames J. M. Daugherty, F. A. Nash, H. V. Burley, C. W. Martin, C. T. Kountze, J. T. Stewart, J. C. Burns, Mosher, Coltrane, C. K. Constant of Chicago, Harold Pritchett, Ralph Peters, John Potter Webster and Misses Katherine Thummel, Stella Thummel, Elizabeth Fleming of Burlington, Ia.; Elizabeth Bruce, Elizabeth Davis, Meliora Davis, Ellen Creighton and Daphne Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinker left for the west on their wedding trip. They will be at home after June 1 in the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. MacMillan Harding, who will take the Frank J. Burley home. The bride wore a plain tailored skirt of dark blue gabardine made with a peg top and cut tight around the bottom. With it she wore a two-toned waist of blue and sand-color embroidered in two shades of blue.

Thomas-Vance Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Adelaide Vance, daughter of Mrs. M. F. Funkhouser, to Mr. Harold R. Thomas was solemnized very quietly this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dean James A. Tancock of Trinity cathedral. Only relatives were present for the simple service. Mr. Thomas and his bride left for an eastern wedding trip. They will be at home with the bride's mother until fall.

The bride wore an afternoon gown of gray and dark blue georgette crepe. Her traveling suit was of dark blue serge and she wore a small brown hat. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Buchanan of Crete, the bride's grandparents, came yesterday for the ceremony. Mrs. George Wilsey of Idaho Falls, Idaho, sister of the bride, was also present at the wedding.

Wedding Announcements.

Mr. William Madison and Miss Edith Wilson, both of Creton, Ia., were married by Rev. C. N. Dawson in the presence of Mrs. Eda A. Wilkinson and Mrs. M. I. Dawson.

Mr. Jerome Maring of Emmet, Neb., and Miss Sibel Harding of O'Neill, Neb., were married at Dietz Methodist parsonage Wednesday. Rev. Mr. Dawson officiating. Their home will be in Emmet, Neb.

Mr. Charles M. Vandas of Omaha and Miss Carrie Hettering of Silver City, Ia., were also married Wednesday.

HONOR MATRON AT BURLEY-BRINKER WEDDING.



MRS. J. MACMILLAN HARDING

day by Rev. Mr. Dawson. They will live in Omaha.

May Fete Abandoned.

The weather man is not popular with Unitarian women, whose lovely May fete plans for Friday are abandoned for the present because of the rainy week.

"He must have grown peevish with us because we did not ask him to serve on our committee; like the thirteenth fairy, who wasn't bidden to the feast," said Mrs. W. F. Baxter.

But the rain has not effectually dampened the ardor of the local women for an outdoor dance fete. They will try to persuade Miss Portia Swett, chief dancer, who came especially for the May fete at the Joslyn gardens, to return some time in June to hold the fete, which is a Unitarian church benefit. It was first planned for Wednesday, but was postponed. Miss Swett leaves today for her Colorado camp.

No Flowers in War Time.

Deborah Franklin club members have given up table decorations at their monthly luncheons as a concession to the spirit of the times. They felt that the money spent for flowers could be used to better advantage in war relief work and so they had not floral decorations at their luncheon at the Hotel Castle. Fourteen members were present. The afternoon was spent in playing whist.

Jottings on Social Calendar.

Mr. Herbert Ryan is taking reservations for the monthly Beta luncheon at the University club Friday.

Dr. Joseph Bloodgood of Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore will be entertained by the University club at luncheon Monday.

Miss Marion Towle will entertain at bridge next Monday for Miss Phyllis Luman of Salt Lake City, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Louis Meyer.

The Junior circle of All Saints' church will give a benefit bridge at the home of Mrs. E. A. Higgins Friday, May 11. Twelve girls are members of the circle.

Re-elect Officers.

Officers of the Omaha Wellesley College club were re-elected at a meeting held Wednesday at the home of Miss Orta Ambler. Miss Eunice Pritchard is president; Miss Alice Buchanan, vice president; Miss Nona Bridge, secretary; and Miss Halcyon Cotton, treasurer. Twelve members were present. One more meeting of the society will be held this year, probably in June at the Seymour Lake home of Mrs. J. H. Adams. In September the club will reconvene. The members plan to take up Red Cross work at that time.

Notes of Interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wright leave next week for Chicago to attend the celebration of Mr. Wright's father's eighty-fourth birthday.

Miss Jean Barkalov of Denver, who is visiting her aunt, Mrs. B. B. Wood, is ill with a cold.

Mrs. Gonzales S. Bingham is ill in her apartment at the Hotel Rome.

Miss Regina Connell goes today to Cincinnati for the races and from there to Beverly, Mass., to her class reunion and last to Atlantic City, where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. W. J. Connell, before coming home.

Mrs. Earl E. Stanfield is making a short visit in New York City.

Mrs. F. R. Straight, regent of the Omaha chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, returns Sunday from Washington, D. C., where she went to attend the national conference.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holcomb and family have moved to 3512 Harney street.

Father and Son Pay \$25 for Privilege of Walloping Cop

William Robertson and his son, Albert L. Robertson, of 713 Leavenworth street, were fined in police court Thursday for assault and battery of Patrolman Fritz Franks on the night of April 30.

William Robertson paid a \$20 fine and Albert paid a \$5 fine.

The assault occurred at Sixth and Leavenworth streets. The patrolman says he tried to quell a "booze" riot and soon found himself at the bottom of a heap of struggling men, some of whom stepped on his face.

Mayor Wants Bloodhounds at Police Headquarters

"I think we should have bloodhounds at the police station," is the recommendation Mayor a Dahlgren made in council meeting.

"Could hounds be trained to smell booze?" asked a citizen, holding a brown jerby in his right hand.

Behold, Here's the Trench Suit!

Blue serge must look to its own. In the trench green covert, which is coming into style, it has a rival worthy of consideration. This soft, dull, gray-green is becoming to any clear skin, and is guaranteed not to give the look of breadth and thickness conveyed by the otherwise likable tan whipcord. This "trench suit" employs a business-like and military skirt and the proper coloring to make itself worthy of its name.

But the coat lines show becoming feminine curves instead of masculine angles. It has the smart tuxedo link button fastening and the rolling revers which belong with that cut. Still more roll is furnished by the cuffs, which curve about the sleeves and swoop down under the rounded packets. The black lisere hat shows a few curves of its own in line and its use of a coral colored snail of enamel from which a single ornament thrusts up with just the suggestion of a military cockade.



Rain Drives Fair Motorists Out Of Garages; Seeking Vacant Rooms

Mrs. Louis Clarke, commandant of the motor-driving section of the National League for Woman Service, is seeking vacant rooms which may be used for classes which have been temporarily suspended because of the impossibility of the women meeting in garages during this rainy weather.

E. L. Consover of the American Automobile college, who is an instructor in automobile electrical work, has offered his services every day if desired. Raymond A. Dull, a carburetor expert at the United States Carburetor company, who has just come here from Chicago, has also offered his services.

"Mrs. E. E. Stanfield, a member of this section, is now in New York City getting information from the headquarters as to the way the work is carried on there and the kind of costumes worn. We hope to profit by her knowledge when she returns," said Mrs. Clarke.

Railroads Think Car Shortage Has Been Solved

Railroad freight officials are of the opinion that the subcommittee of the special committee of the American Railway Association on National Defense has solved the car shortage problem, so far as the future is concerned. Rules have been promulgated by J. A. Gordon, general manager, and G. A. Brown, superintendent, and approved by the committee.

The rules provide that wherever cars are found, either loaded or empty, they shall immediately be started toward home, instead of being tied up, that if held to be loaded, they shall be routed toward home at the earliest possible date; that cars in every instance must be delivered to the road from which received, or to a direct connection of the home road.

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The Danger of Half-Knowledge

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Can real knowledge ever be harmful? Is it possible that a state of happy ignorance is good for anyone? Can it ever be true that "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise?"

All these questions are suggested by a letter from one of my girls who signs herself "Constant Reader." Here is her problem:

"Is not too much knowledge regarding sex as bad as none at all? I am a girl not yet out of my teens, and have been told a great many things concerning marriage and motherhood—a few by my parents, the majority by my girl friends. I feel that had I not been told so much life would seem pleasanter and more enjoyable. As I have not much to occupy my mind, these thoughts come to me frequently. Are there others like me, or am I just a silly girl making 'much ado about nothing?'"

The difficulty with this girl and with many others like her lies in one of three things: Either her own nature is morbid and inclined to brooding, or her knowledge, instead of being too great, is not great enough, or she has a cowardly desire to shirk the responsibilities of life.

Childhood is a beautifully innocent period—or should be. But once it is past, no one may hope to escape knowledge of life's basic facts. The greatest responsibility and the most sacred privilege in all the world is motherhood. It isn't an irresponsible affair to be entered upon with the same amount of preparation one needs for playing with dolls—but it is the important career in all the world; it belongs to a woman by mere right; of her being a woman and she needs knowledge and preparation in order properly to undertake it.

There is no reason why a girl in the latter part of her teens should not know of life's responsibilities. But she should know them as beautiful, sacred things to be revered, rather than as puzzling and startling things to be considered and speculated about morbidly. Innocence is no protection to you in our modern social conditions. You need knowledge, and respect for that knowledge.

Of course, there has been in recent years a certain neurotic over-emphasis on sex which has done an incalculable amount of harm. The wrong sort of moving picture, the cheaply lurid problem play and the sensational novel have all had a bad effect. And the humorist who said "it has struck sex o'clock in America" was telling one of those tragic

truths which humor often embodies. But a morbid, self-conscious tidal wave cannot be held back by any but a strong sea wall of real knowledge. Since there is all about us the type of thing which satisfies and caters to morbid curiosity we need real knowledge with which to conquer the faults.

When a girl is miserably unhappy about her knowledge of the facts of life, either they have not been told to her beautifully, simply and reverently or else she herself has rather a coarse streak in her nature.

The duty of parents is clearly and distinctly to make sure that their children have respectful knowledge of the prime facts of life and are saved from half-shamed wonder and curiosity about them. And the duty of children is to keep their own attitude sweet and wholesome and clean and pure. After all, our attitudes are ours to control or not to control as we choose.

If all the girls who are worried over the things they fancy they know will just quietly ask themselves whether the fact lies with facts or their own distorted view of them, I think they can readily work out for themselves a caper and canner and less impudent by critical attitude toward the world which is controlled and arranged by powers too big and too fine for their half-knowledge to appreciate.

All of us need knowledge. All of us are badly off unless we have real light on life and its problems. And none of us need fear anything but our own ignorance of those sacred things which could not fail to seem beautiful if we really understood them.

Woman Seriously Injured When She Slips at Depot

Mrs. L. A. Moritz, 61 years old, Cheyenne, Wyo., slipped and fell backward on her head as she was coming up the steps leading out of the Burlington depot at 12:30 a. m. She suffered a lacerated scalp and possible internal injuries. Because of her advanced age her condition is considered serious by Dr. Smith, Burlington physician, who had her removed to St. Catherine's hospital.

Harry F. Roberts, corporal of the Nebraska National Guard, stationed at Fort Crook, was at the depot at the time of the accident and rendered first aid treatment to the injured woman.

Mrs. Moritz and son, Harry, were making train connections for the west when the accident happened.

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