

against Secretary Porter's ignorant and officious infringement of the law, which was framed to secure the sacredness of the ballot, were aware of the very serious nature of Secretary Porter's attack upon it, and all good citizens approve of the investigation which they have insisted upon.

How many men in the Kansas team were encased in armor does not appear. The charge that Cowgill slugged one of these catiff knights and came near being disqualified for running into his armor plate, gains greater absurdity from this discovery. Even in Pennsylvania Wiley Woodruff had an unsportsmanlike reputation. He was a master of tricks rather than of skill and strength. The Kansas men, if they care for standing in college athletics will get rid of Woodruff, whose standards are out of place in a gentleman's game. The crowd of gamblers that accompany him are a sufficient indication of the character of his associates. Nebraska athletics have heretofore been unquestionably in the amateur class. They have been comparatively free from betting and opposing teams have not accused the Nebraska team of ungentlemanly conduct, except in the case of the negro Flippin, whose character resembles Woodruff's in more than one particular. There is doubtless in Kansas university the same opposition among the decent element that there was to Flippin among the members of the team and the student body here. The Kansas City papers do not express unqualified approval of the Kansas university coach who is endeavoring to bring to the west the worst form of jockeying. Those who have seen the Nebraska team are not wanting in admiration for the muscles and manners of the fearless fellows. They play without resorting to tricks or devices and invariably win the genuine respect of the spectators. The games until the wily Kansan arrived have been free from such charges and the players themselves have followed the code adopted the world over by gentlemen and sportsmen.

Notwithstanding the number of women's clubs in this city there is need of another. The women need a club where they can rest and chat, read and play games; where there is no cult, religious or literary to burden the mind and fill the heart, where only the gracious influences of the society of other women are applied to the cares and perplexities of house-keeping, of bookkeeping, of correspondence or teaching. Everything that women do requires effort socially or mentally. Membership in a culture club involves the reading of many books, the writing of papers, and the nerve-racking ordeal of reading them. The functions of society demand expensive preparations in the way of gowns and in hospitality. In all the many clubs and social gatherings of this city, there is not one where a poor, plain, tired woman can take a cup of tea and read a paper or talk with other women and relax as the men do. In other words, there is not a woman's club here. There are various associations for the improvement of the mind and the morals but there is not a place where the female slaves can forget for a stimulating half hour that they have duties in the shape of children, husbands or opportunities which must be improved. A tea room in which Jew and Gentile could feel at home, in which no religion was either tabooed or propagated would be a sweet haven to the professional women of Lincoln who, at the noon hour or at night, would like to meet other women in

the easy, friendly atmosphere of a club which exists to soothe and cheer, not to educate and improve. The weary shop-girls whose only room is a small bedroom, the typewriters, the accountants, whose heads ache with figuring, but who object to becoming orthodox in order to enjoy the privileges of the Y. W. C. A. (which, nevertheless, has accomplished much good) would be attracted to such a club in numbers. The women, young and middle aged, who have a home and means would have an opportunity of getting acquainted on an equal footing with their professional sisters that no other rooms could offer. The well-to-do would not be patronesses and the clerks would not be patronized. Both would be rested and broadened by the knowledge of other and different lives. In short, the club without having any object would be in a way to accomplish more than any other literary or philanthropic or religious association. The Women's club has removed many false notions of social disabilities, but a woman's club modeled on a man's club would bring about acquaintance and sympathy the quicker for the exclusion of a literary or religious reason for meeting. Such a proposition will be considered rank heresy by many of the earnest workers who take life strenuously and want to make every minute count to their own improvement or someone's else. But the tension must be relieved somewhere or nervous prostration puts an end to all usefulness and comfort.

The appointment by the council on Tuesday night of two extra lawyers to assist the city attorney in the prosecution of the street railway protested tax claim is a reflection upon the discriminating judgment of the republican nominating convention which nominated Mr. Abbott, the present city attorney. But in the history of Lincoln and Lancaster county for the last ten years there have been several such confessions of weakness. A few years ago in a case against the county for damages, tried in the United States court, the county attorney and his deputy, who between them received a salary of \$5,000 were not considered able enough to try the case and the county commissioners employed extra lawyers at an expense of many thousands of dollars. That same county attorney and his deputy are now occupying a position of much greater responsibility in Washington, D. C. In the Kendall & Smith case, in the Maxey Cobb case it was the same way. The regularly constituted and elected county and city attorneys are not trusted by the city or county officers to look after anything of more importance than sidewalk cases. This being so, would it not be cheaper to abolish the offices of city and county attorney? The sidewalk cases referred to could be gobbled up, as the larger cases are now, by any lawyer whose influence is great enough to secure the job. Legal business has been somewhat dull these last few years in Lincoln and it has been found necessary to divide up cases between as many lawyers as possible, but when things are looking up it would be more considerate of the council if they would give the people a chance to recover before endeavoring to increase the business of the legal profession.

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