

which it has been left by previous campaigns. All women's taxes shall be abolished and men's shall be doubled.

"My fair opponent placed no limit to her promises, and I will state to the convention that I heard her say at a recent meeting where her topic was 'The Universe,' that it was a whaling big subject for such a little woman. I think she will find the presidency just as big."

The hour growing late the election of officers was postponed. The next convention will meet with Samantha Allen at Jonesville, March 4, 1900.

There is little wonder that club women are generally interested in Russia, which is making history more rapidly than any other nation. We publish the following study plan prepared by the English-American reading class of Buffalo, N. Y. This club meets every week and this plan is for one study year, hence for a club meeting every two weeks it would be necessary to consolidate this outline if it is to be completed in one year. With the addition of three or four more topics it could be nicely arranged for a two years' course, and two years devoted to the study of Russia would be two years well spent:

1. The great white empire. Quotations from Geoffrey Chancer.
2. Primitive Russia. Quotations from John Gower.
3. Princes and principalities. Russia in slavery: Quotations from James I., of Scotland.
4. Russia consolidated. Ivan the Great. Ivan the Terrible. Quotations from Edmund Spenser.
5. Songs and legends. Quotations from Sir Philip Sidney.
6. Moscow and the Kremlin. Quotations from William Shakspeare.
7. Peter the Great. Quotations from Christopher Marlowe.
8. The Semiramis of the North. Quotations from Ben Jonson.
9. Religions past and present. Quotations from Beaumont and Fletcher.
10. Open date. Quotations from John Milton.
11. Alexander I. Quotations from Jeremy Taylor.
12. Don Quixote of Aristocracy. Quotation from Increase and Rev. Cotton Mather.
13. The people. a. Manners and customs. b. The aristocracy. c. The middle class. d. The Peasant. Quotations from George Herbert.
14. Alexander the Earnest. Quotations from Sir Francis Bacon.
15. Literature and the drama. Quotations from John Dryden.
16. Tolstoi. Quotations from Samuel Butler.
17. Architecture. Quotations from Joseph Addison.
18. Poland. Quotations from Alexander Pope.
19. The fight against knowledge. Quotations from Richard Steele.
20. Music. Quotations from Jonathan Edwards.
21. Painting and decorative art. Quotations from John Bunyan.
22. Relations between Russia and Turkey. Quotations from Jonathan Swift.
23. Alexander III. Quotations from Thomas Chatterton.
24. Siberia. The Nihilists. Quotations from Thomas Gray.
25. Annual meeting. Election of officers.

The New Book Review club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. F. W. Bartruff. The program was devoted to Kipling and his works. The paper on the author was a critical analysis of great interest by Mrs. Elia W. Peattie of Chicago. Mrs. Peattie prepared the articles for a recent meeting of the Fortnightly club of Chicago, and on request forwarded it this week

for the use of the Nebraska clubs through the reciprocity bureau. A discussion followed the paper and quotations from Kipling were given by the club members. Music by a mandolin orchestra, and refreshments, completed a delightful afternoon.

Miss Helen Harwood entertained Junior Sorosis last Tuesday afternoon at her home, with an interesting talk about French art which was enhanced by illustrations of her subject in the form of photographs of many of the masters. Light refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon enjoyed.

The Century club met Tuesday with Mrs. E. A. Polk. Officers for next year were elected: President, Mrs. George Waite; vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Hill; secretary, Mrs. C. I. Jones. Roll call was responded to by current events. Mrs. M. H. Garten read a paper on Amelia Edwards. Mrs. F. E. Campbell told of excavations in Egypt.

Sorosis met last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. H. H. Wheeler and listened to a very interesting lecture by Mrs. C. T. Munger on "The Government of Colonies."

The household economics department of the Woman's club have decided to take a noon dinner at Union college next Thursday April 6th. All members of the club wishing to join can do so. On that occasion they will have practical demonstrations of farinaceous foods.

The members of the Woman's club were entertained at the university gymnasium last Monday afternoon with an interesting exhibition of the athletic work done by the young ladies in the gymnasium classes. Each member being permitted to bring a friend, the large room and gallery were crowded. The Swedish gymnastics which were a novelty to most of the spectators were learned by Miss Barr while abroad last summer. They are given without apparatus and without music. The Swedes consider these movements of the body have sufficient rythm without accompaniment of music. The usual gymnastic exercises were exhibited and the afternoon closed with basket ball. The basket ball teams are known as the Midgets and Champions. The Midgets are: Misses Gregory, Wheeler, Lasch, Bridge, McCoaka, Swartz, Smith, Miller, Pentzer, Erford, Henry and Cusack. The Champions are: Misses Brown, West, Davenport, Buchraster, Holbrook and Winger. The second game was between the two midget teams.

It was a pretty thought of the Woman's club to tender a reception to the wives of the legislators and was really without any "ax to grind" looming up in the near future. The club rooms were prettily decorated with pinks, palms, lilies and hyacinths, while pink shades and smilax adorned the chandeliers. The reception was tendered by the members of the parliamentary department and were formally received by the leader of that department, Mrs. Nellie M. Richardson, and Mrs. A. W. Field the club president. The members of the department acted as hostesses but were assisted in entertaining by all the members of the club. Over 300 ladies called during the afternoon. The crowds of beautifully dressed ladies, the bright informal conversation, combined with the music, made the occasion most enjoyable. Couches and pillows formed cozy nooks for a chat, where the cooling ices brought by many eager assistants could be enjoyed. The refreshments were served from two tables dainty with embroidery and delicate china and silver. One was in pale pink and the embroidery and flowers of the

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other were red. The ladies presiding were Mesdames Orcutt, Castor, Henry and Chapman. The music was especially enjoyable. An orchestra from the university school of music was stationed behind a screen of plants and palms, and in spite of the incessant hum of voices the beauty and spirit of their selections were noted with pleasure.

EDITOR OF THE COURIER:

I would like to present to you in particular and to your readers in general a little bit of history bearing upon a statement of yours on the second page of last week's COURIER: "Municipal ownership of public franchises is favored by as many republicans as fusionists."

Owing to the fact that there is no telling what a "fusionist" does favor other than free silver I do not question the truth of your statement. But to show that the populists or independents who were never "embalmed" by a democrat, are, or at least were a few years ago, practically all government railroad people, I quote from House Journal, 1891, page 1181, the vote on House Roll No. 63.

"A memorial and joint resolution petitioning congress to enact such laws as may be necessary to assume government ownership and control of all railroads and telegraph lines.

"It was introduced by Brederson, an independent from Butler county, and referred to the committee on federal relations January 15 and passed the house, 59 to 20, March 25, 1891."

Twenty one members were absent or

did not vote.

Of these 9 were republicans, 9 were democrats and 3 were populists. Of those who voted in the negative 8 were republicans, 11 were democrats, and one "poor lost sinner" was a pop. The aye vote was republicans 5, democrats 4, pops 50.

As there were only 22 republicans and 24 democrats in the house, a majority of each were either "absent or not voting" or voted aye.

Allow me to suggest to you that, taking a quotation from Thomas Jefferson's letter to his friend Judge Roane, written September 6, 1816, "The revolution of 1800 was as complete a revolution in the principles of our government as that of 1776 was in its form. The chief of those 'principles,' the one great 'bone of contention,' between Hamilton and Jefferson; and thirty years later between Clay and Webster on one side, and Jackson on the other, was, briefly stated, 'no private citizen shall ever be endowed with any right or privilege whatever in connection with a public franchise that is not equally enjoyed by every other citizen.'"

And I would like to call your attention to the fact, for I heard him, that our esteemed fellow citizen, W. J. Bryan, advocated substantially the same thing in his first debate with Mr. Connell in this city, when he said, "I hold that you have no right to tax the public for the benefit of a private citizen."

And there was more of statesmanship in that one sentence than in all that he has said since then. And if there is anything that can be dignified by the name of "principle" that has prevented Mr. Bryan from eating a \$10 "hash" with Mr. Belmont and other democrats, but prompts him to eat a \$1 "hash" with certain other democrats, I hope he will tell it to all the world and that you will print it, and that all the Filipinos and the rest of us Americans will shout "hurrah for our Billy the Great."

C. M. CLARK.