

CLUBS.

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CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

February.

17.	Pansy c., Wiggin, Dunroy.....	Tecumseh
17.	XIX Century c., Painting in Germany.....	Seward
17.	Fin de Siecle c., Whittier, Lowell and Holmes.....	Seward
17.	History and Art c., Reign of the Hohenstauffens.....	Seward
17.	Woman's c., Household Economics.....	North Bend
17.	Woman's c., Child Study.....	Lincoln
17.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln
19.	Woman's c., Household Economics.....	Lincoln
19.	Woman's c., French Conversation.....	Omaha
19.	Sorosis, King John--Act III--Current Events.....	Stanton
19.	Woman's c., American Workers in Nature.....	Central City
19.	Frances M. Ford c., Holland as a Colonizing Power.....	Stromsburg
19.	Matinee Musical, Shakspeare in Music.....	Lincoln
20.	History and Art c., George III., Gladstone, Mathew Arnold.....	Albion
20.	Woman's c., Miscellaneous Program.....	Fairbury
20.	Acme c., The Conquests of Elizabeth.....	Wayne
20.	Woman's c., Open Meeting.....	Stanton
20.	Woman's c., Ethics and Philosophy.....	Omaha
20.	Woman's c., French Conversation.....	Omaha
20.	Woman's c., Parliamentary Practice.....	Lincoln
21.	Friends in Council, Carlyle, Thackeray.....	Tecumseh
21.	Woman's c., Gentleman's Night.....	Ashland
21.	Cozy c., Rise of Prussia, 1648-1740.....	Tecumseh
21.	Mary Barnes' Literary c., Causes of American Revolution.....	Fullerton
21.	Woman's c., Oratory.....	Omaha
21.	New Book Review c.....	Lincoln
22.	Woman's c., Literature.....	Lincoln
22.	Woman's c., Education.....	Omaha
22.	Woman's c., English Literature.....	Omaha
22.	Woman's c., Household Economics.....	Omaha
22.	Woman's c., Art.....	Lincoln
22.	Woman's c., The Moors in Spain.....	Dundee
23.	Woman's c., Music.....	Lincoln
23.	Self-Culture c., Physical Effect of Emotion, of Thought.....	St. Paul
23.	Fortnightly c., Andrea del Sarto, Leonardo da Vinci, Ghiberti.....	Wymore
23.	Woman's c., Current Events, Massachusetts.....	Plattsmouth
23.	Woman's c., Current Events.....	Stromsburg
24.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln
24.	Review and Art c., Bellini, Giorgione, York.....	York
24.	Woman's c., English History.....	Stromsburg
24.	Woman's c., Important Events in English History During the Reign of Victoria.....	Syracuse
24.	Fin de Siecle c., Holland, Mitchell, Bird's Eye View of Arabia.....	Seward
24.	History and Art c., First German Crusade--Reign of Frederick II.....	Seward
24.	Woman's c., Grecian and Roman Civilization.....	North Bend
24.	XIX Century c., Election of Officers.....	Seward

OFFICERS OF N. F. W. C., 1899 & 1900.
 Pres., Mrs. Anna L. Apperson, Tecumseh.
 V. P., Mrs. Ida W. Blair, Wayne.
 Cor. Sec., Mrs. Virginia D. Arnup, Tecumseh.
 Rec. Sec., Miss Mary Hill, York.
 Treas., Mrs. H. F. Doane, Crete.
 Librarian, Mrs. G. M. Lambertson, Lincoln.
 Auditor, Mrs. E. J. Halner, Aurora.

To the President of Each Club in Nebraska:

As state chairman of correspondence for Nebraska, it is my duty according to section 5, article iv., of the by-laws of the general federation to "receive applications for membership and to report the same at biennial meetings for the clubs" of this state. That these instructions may be properly carried out, I need your co-operation. Will you consult your club upon the advisability of joining the G. F. W. C., and send me your decision, at least, by the first of April? The conditions are simple. Send to me for an application blank; fill out and return, accompanied by your constitution and by-laws. I forward these to the executive board. After you receive notice of admission, forward your dues—ten cents per capita—to me. I will forward same to treasurer of G. F. W. C. and she will send receipt to you. I trust that Nebraska may have a large representation at the Milwaukee biennial. The rates will be about one fare for the round trip. One fare rate was obtained for the Denver biennial and I have no doubt equally good terms will be obtained for Mil-

waukee. These rates apply to visitors as well as to delegates. The date of meeting is June 4th to 9th, inclusive. The Nebraska clubs now belonging to the general federation are as follows: The women's clubs of Omaha, Lincoln, Plattsmouth, Fairbury, Gering and Stromsburg; Cozy club of Tecumseh and Sorosis, Lotos and Fortnightly of Lincoln—ten in all. I have also received application for membership from the Self-Culture club of St. Paul.

If any of these clubs have forwarded its annual dues to the treasurer, Mrs. Moore, of St. Louis, please notify me, so that credit may be given in my report at Milwaukee.

I wish to hear from every club in the state upon this question. Send your decision and save the trouble and expense of a personal letter. I have heard from eleven clubs already.

My second request is to the presidents of the clubs belonging, and those intending to join the G. F. W. C. Will you appoint some member from your club to send me a concise, yet comprehensive, report of what you have accomplished since June, 1908, so that we may have an unbroken report of what has been done by the clubs of Nebraska since the last biennial. Do not put this matter off. Today is not "too soon" to begin so important a work. These reports are printed and filed in the historical archives of the club movement. Then, how important that they be reliable! I have tried to anticipate possible questions, but probably have left out the very one you wished to ask. If so, let me know. Cordially yours,

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As chairman of the art department of the N. F. W. C., I would like to obtain the exact condition of this department at this time in every club in the federation.

To accomplish this, I must receive from the president of every club a statement of the existing conditions of this department in her club at this time; and would like a reply to the following questions:

1. How long have you been studying art?
2. What phases of the subject have you studied, and in what order?
3. To what books and photographs do you have access in your community?
4. Is it a popular department?
5. Have you met with any discouragements? Please enumerate them.
6. If you have never before studied art, please notify me.

If the art committee can obtain the above information, it hopes to be able by the beginning of another year's work to suggest outlines of work, and a list of helps, that will promote the study and enjoyment of this branch of culture. I would like this information by March 1st, and hereby urge every president to promptly attend to it. Very sincerely,
 MRS. F. M. HALL,
 1040 D Street, Lincoln, Neb.

The Self-Culture club of St. Paul, Mrs. Nellie E. Cady, president, and Dr. Georgina Grothan, secretary, has made application for admission to the general federation. From now on I hope applications may come rapidly for similar honors. Remember that each club and each club woman needs the general federation and the general federation needs every club and each club woman.

While women's clubs all over the country are discussing art, literature and child study, I wonder why it does not occur to somebody to study the question of domestic service. It seems to me that the hired girl question is the question of the age for women; that it takes precedence of almost all other questions, inasmuch as it vitally affects

the home. Any woman who has been obliged to depend upon hired help knows, without any recapitulation on my part, the annoyances and woes to which she is subjected. I need not mention the incompetency, extravagance and waste which are the usual accomplishments of the ordinary hired girl. While so much of the comfort and efficiency of the home depends upon the kitchen, would it not be well to consider seriously the question of reform in our domestic service? Tough beefsteak, soggy bread and muddy coffee are a poor preparation for a lawyer who has on hand a difficult case requiring a keen, clear brain; a doctor in whose hands are the issues of life and death, and an editor who is expected to dig up profound editorials on the vexed questions of the day. Why shouldn't some of our American girls, instead of rushing into the arena as teachers, stenographers or clerks, fit themselves for good cooks and housekeepers and go out to service? With their intelligence and education they would make efficient helpers and would be a comfort to many an overworked mother and housekeeper. Isn't it infinitely preferable to working in a dingy, dirty office, or wearing out your life in a treadmill of school work? If it is considered degrading, it is because women have made it so. Isn't there something radically wrong somewhere? I submit that if the club women can inaugurate a reform in domestic service, they will do more service for the state than if they could carry the sixteenth amendment. PROBLE W. MORGAN.

The Amateur Musical club of York met Wednesday, February 7th. The program consisted of winter music.

Duet—"Sleigh Bells," Boscovitz; Miss Burton. Mrs. McConaughy.

"Ghosts," Lang; Miss Jennie Conaway.

"At the Heart of Tevika," Techaikmsky; Mrs. Robert McConaughy.

"Winter Lullaby," DeKoven; Miss Ferguson.

"Winter," MacDowell; Mrs. Sedgwick.

The club meets in two weeks with the president, Miss Carscadden.

The York Avon club entertained the Review and Art club Wednesday afternoon, February 7th at the home of Mrs. D. E. Sedgwick.

The Amateur Art club of York met in its rooms Friday evening, February 21. The time was devoted to drawing in black and white from still life.

Last Saturday's session of the woman's club of North Bend was devoted to a review of the history of France. History seems not so popular as some other studies, perhaps for the reason that there is more work about it; notions are more easily obtained than knowledge; hence we all have more notions (which sometimes means prejudice) and which may be destroyed by a true knowledge of facts. Not to know of the time before which we were born is to remain always a child. The program was opened by a pleasing musical selection by Mrs. Claudia Dowling. Mrs. Smith talked on early French history, showing conclusively how necessary it is for a people to be united themselves before they can meet and conquer an invading enemy. Miss Byam took us step by step from the fall of the first republic down to the present third republic, under which France has enjoyed a measure of stability for nearly thirty years. Mrs. Kelly followed with a thrilling account of the marvelous peasant girl of Domremi, who inspired the dejected forces to win victories over the English through her unwavering faith in God. Mrs. Miller outlined the plans and their progress in regard to the Paris

exposition. Mrs. Dowling had only time to touch upon the tour for club women, so well planned by the federation, and to be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Paine of Glenn Falls, N. Y. It is to be hoped that many of Nebraska's clubs will be represented there.

The following program of the woman's club of Fremont was offered Saturday, February 3d:

Piano solo—Miss Innes.

Short sketches of Winston Churchill—Mrs. J. W. Richards.

Piano solo—"Ruetle of Spring," Sinding; Mrs. Lillie Ruegg-Button.

Review of "Richard Carvel"—Mrs. L. D. Whelpley.

Vocal solo—Miss Love.

The Self-Culture club of St. Paul met at the home of Mrs. Cady Friday afternoon, January 26th. Mrs. Taylor led the historical lesson, "The Louis XV. and XVI." The character sketch by Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Bell's paper were exceedingly well done. Mrs. Covey's music was enjoyed by all. The club attendance is excellent. Last week every member but one was present, and professional business called her from the city. Visitors are always welcome at the club meetings and the ladies were honored by the presence of a guest last Friday. The proprietors of the saloons sent word that they would comply with the requirements of the petition recently presented to the council, praying for the enforcement of the Slocum law, and the club decided to take no further action in the matter. The club is to be congratulated upon the business-like and earnest way which it went into this matter, and it is the sincere wish of every member that it will result in lasting good.

By the indefatigable efforts of Mrs. Taylor, of the Lincoln city improvement society, the membership has been greatly increased, and definite plans are formulated for an active spring campaign. Suggestions are always in order, hence we call the attention of the society to one practical method adopted by the Minnesota state federation. It has received permission to place "Do and Don't" placards in the various rooms of the public schools. The cards read as follows:

Do make your yard and street in front as clean and pretty as you can.

Plant or help plant shade trees.

Cultivate as many flowers as possible. Burn or bury all tin cans and other rubbish.

Pick up and destroy all loose paper, small branches and similar things.

Dig up and burn unsightly and harmful weeds.

Pile wood neatly, dispose of all ash heaps, and keep a tidy back yard.

Don't throw upon the sidewalk or into the street, bananas or orange skins, nutshells or anything else.

Don't scatter pieces of paper on the street.

Don't mark sidewalks or buildings.

Don't injure young shade trees by bending, cutting or shaking.

Don't spit on sidewalks or floors.

The Chrysalis club of Weeping Water passed resolutions of sympathy to be sent to the family of Mrs. Grace E. Joyce. Mrs. Joyce was a prominent and efficient member of the Chrysalis club.

Mrs. Mary Moody Pugh, chairman of the household economics committee of the state, also vice president of the National Household Economics association, has called a conference of the home department of all women's clubs of the state to meet in Lincoln February 22d, to consider important questions now pending. The conference will be held