

CLUBS.

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CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

March.

3.	Woman's c., Child Study.....	Lincoln
3.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln
3.	Fin de Siecle c., Taylor, Aldrich, Whitman and Alma Tadema.....	Seward
3.	History and Art c., Niebelungen Lied.....	Seward
3.	Woman's c., Literature.....	North Bend
5.	Woman's c., Household economics.....	Lincoln
5.	Matinee Musical, Musical curiosities and novelties.....	Lincoln
5.	Woman's c., Household economics.....	Omaha
5.	Sorosis, Literature.....	Stanton
5.	Woman's c., American art and artists.....	Central City
6.	Woman's c., Home department.....	Fairbury
6.	Woman's c., Nebraska.....	Stanton
6.	History and Art c., George IV., William IV., Stephenson, Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall.....	Albion
6.	Woman's c., French conversation.....	Omaha
6.	Woman's c., Ethics and Philosophy.....	Omaha
6.	Woman's c., Parliamentary practice.....	Lincoln
6.	Fortnightly c., Sienkiewicz.....	Lincoln
5.	Woman's c., Harriet Martineau, Mrs. Oliphant, Mrs. Summer-ville.....	Ashland
7.	Friends in Council, George Elliot, Dickens.....	Tecumseh
7.	Mary Barnes Literary c., American revolution--Events 1775-1776.....	Fullerton
7.	Cozy c., The rise of Prussia.....	Tecumseh
7.	Woman's c., Oratory.....	Omaha
7.	New Book Review c.....	Lincoln
8.	Woman's c., Household economics.....	Omaha
8.	Woman's c., English literature.....	Omaha
8.	Woman's c., Education.....	Omaha
8.	Woman's c., Art.....	Lincoln
8.	Fortnightly c., Michael Angelo.....	Wymore
8.	Woman's c., The Crusades.....	Dundee
8.	Lotos c., Current events.....	Lincoln
9.	Self-Culture c., Napoleon Bonaparte.....	St. Paul
9.	Woman's c., Biographical sketches, 1776-1800.....	Plattsmouth
9.	Woman's c., Music.....	Lincoln
9.	W. R. P. C., Ella Wheeler Wilcox.....	Lincoln
10.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln
10.	New Review and Art c., Guido Reni, Palma Vecchio.....	York
10.	Woman's c., Child study.....	North Bend
10.	Woman's c., English History.....	Stromsburg
10.	History and Art c., Discussion of contemporary woman authors.....	Seward
10.	Fin de Siecle c., J. Fenimore Cooper.....	Seward
10.	Woman's c., British government.....	Syracuse

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To the Club Women of Nebraska:

Greeting—A wave of interest in everything that is vital to the necessary life of the human family is creeping through all organized effort, and may we not feel that this trend of thought received its inception from the practical minds of the thinking women of our western states? In many towns and cities this interest has assumed definite form in the study of mankind and that which makes him a capable and efficient member of society, and there is an aroma of enthusiasm in the impetus of this movement which savors of the breezy intelligence of the plains. May we not believe that your enthusiasm, your energy and your practical realization of the need of scientific investigation of the homes of today is a power in leading a movement in which the women from every part of the world will eventually join?

Your clear vision has grasped the true definition, which is: the application of the various sciences to the labor of the household and a systematic adjustment and arrangement of everything pertaining to or belonging to it, and we have endeavored to make it still more lucid by explaining to women everywhere that only by acquainting themselves with a knowledge of this science could they expect to retain the home which is such an important factor in civilization, and the family as a unit, upon which de-

pends the success of all nations. The housekeepers of a century ago were obliged to learn by experience which was handed down from mother to daughter, and so was much of the business and the trades, and even the professions. But there has been a revolution in all these methods which the business men and the professional men have been quick to grasp. Not so with the homemaker—she has found herself relieved of nearly all the interesting household industries, and she has also found that she must fit herself to the new conditions and no longer depend upon the experience of her maternal forbears, or wait for the result of her own efforts. Professor Richards predicts a panacea for this condition in the coming of what she calls the expert home scientist, who will not only teach the science of household economics, but will prescribe remedies for every known or suspected evil that is now a menace to healthful living. This important person must be a woman who will instinctively know where to look for the nooks and crannies which harbor all members of this infamous family, bacteria. She must be able to detect the presence of all the enemies of good housekeeping—impure water, faulty ventilation, unsanitary plumbing—and it is to be hoped that she will teach each home-maker how to secure the varied requirements of food, clothing, furnishings, and even luxuries and intellectual delights, and she will know how to suggest the proper adjustment of the family income to the necessary yearly or monthly expenditure.

The leaders of this science of household economics must have had a vague realization of the millennium of the twentieth century when they selected our motto, "To cure is the voice of the past, to prevent is the divine whisper of today," which Colonel Waring interpreted, "Not a whisper, but the divine bugle call of today."

When all our best thinkers are straining every effort to secure, not a cure, but a preventive for all the ills that life is burdened with, should not we, as housekeepers co-operate by demanding the ounce of prevention which will be worth many pounds of cure. The supply is always sure to come when there is a legitimate and universal demand, and this is the work for us to do. If the women of the east and the north and the south will unite with the west in their eager desire for scientific knowledge concerning all of these industries which are necessary for the conservation of the home and the family, they will make it possible for the component parts of that home, men, women and children, to be strong physically, mentally and morally, and to secure the individual comfort, happiness and peace, and all that makes it possible for the cultivation of the ethical side of the higher and intellectual life.

LINDA HULL LARNED,
President of the National Household Economic Association.
Syracuse, N. Y., February 8, 1900.

To the Club Women of Nebraska:

It is with pleasure that I welcome the household economics committee to a place among the standing committees of our state federation. The great movement toward club life was not originally broad and altruistic as it is today. It had its inception in a desire for enlarged social life and greater literary attainment. Praiseworthy as this motive may have been, it was not sufficient to warrant a vigorous old age for the movement. Not until the idea of universal good was reached, did it assume the permanent character it holds at the present time. Now the watchword is "The greatest good to the greatest number." Owing to the origin of the movement, the intellectual side is abnormally

developed, while the side of practical being is proportionately dwarfed, and nothing but an energetic use of the latter will restore the equilibrium. This we shall endeavor to accomplish through the household economics committee. The work of this committee will give us scope for large exertions and will, moreover, interest many that find exclusively intellectual pursuits ungenial. I hope that every club in the state will contribute its full quota of assistance to the new committee.

It is said, "Educate the people and keep them out of prison." It might better be said, "Feed people properly and keep them out of prison." It is well to know what Browning meant and what many other great men might have told us clearly if they had chosen; but in clubdom we have lived long enough for the sake of knowing. We should rather know for the sake of living.

ANNA LAMASTER APPERSON,
President State Federation.

In behalf of the home-loving women who enjoyed Miss Bouton's hospitality on Wednesday last, I wish to return, through *The Courier*, a hearty vote of thanks, expressing our appreciation of her kindness in doing so much to make the meeting a success. The visit to the kitchen laboratory and the dainty refreshments served there will long be remembered. To some, this department of domestic science was a revelation; to me who knew something of her work, it was a positive delight to feel that the work being done by her class will compare favorably with older and better equipped institutions in eastern cities. I hope by another year there will be such a demand for home training that it will be necessary to build and equip an apartment for this work. Most gratefully,
MARY MOODY PUGH,
National Vice President Household Economics Association.

To the Clubs:

Applications for membership in the general federation are beginning to come in. The latest is from the woman's club of Central City, making in all twelve clubs in this state belonging. When you send me your application blank filled out, be sure and accompany it with your constitution. If there is an application in from any club without its constitution, forward it immediately and save delays. I send your application to the corresponding secretary at Philadelphia, the dues to the treasurer at St. Louis, requesting them to acknowledge and receipt directly to me. If you fail to hear from them within a month, let me know. If any club has sent its dues directly to the treasurer, please notify me, so that the correct number of clubs in proper standing may be reported at the biennial meeting. Fraternaly yours,

LOUISA L. RICKETTS,
State Chairman Correspondence.

Chicago is the proud possessor of a woman's club which differs from all other clubs, in that it is to be entirely composed of women engaged in the regular practice of law. At a called meeting of the practicing women lawyers of that city for the avowed purpose of banding themselves together for mutual improvement under the name of the Chicago Lawyers' association, fifteen women met and organized the club by electing Miss Eva M. Reynolds president, Miss Nellie Carlin, vice president, and Miss Isabel M. Helmich, secretary and treasurer. Previous to this move some of the younger women of the bar had been in a study club with a limited membership. The new club, however, admits any woman in that city who is actively engaged in the practice of law. Public meetings will be held at which addresses on law subjects will be given

by leading lawyers. Arrangements have already been made for addresses by Rufus Choate of New York, Mrs. Belva M. Lockwood, Mrs. Helen M. Gougar and others. Miss Cora B. Hirzel, who acted as assistant to the corporation counsel of Chicago for some time, is a member of this club. She has recently formed a partnership with Miss Nellie M. Carlin for the special practice of probate law. Miss Reynolds and Miss Carlin are graduates of the Chicago College of Law in the class of 1896, and Miss Helmich is of the same school of the class of 1897.

Last Saturday evening the annual banquet of University Place Sorosis was held at the pleasant home of W. E. Lovejoy. The entertainment was in the unique form of a railroad excursion. A locomotive headlight threw welcoming rays to the approaching guests, who, upon arrival, were furnished with a ticket for the "Funville Frolictown and Featherbrain" railway. Checks for baggage were issued at the baggage room and the guests seated in the parlors, which were veritable Pullman chair cars. On the tickets were conundrums, the solution of which were the names of the stations where the excursion stopped. With his lantern on his arm, the conductor went the rounds, punched the tickets, while the brakeman called the towns and acted as a bureau of information for the tourists. After a time the parlors were converted into dining cars and colored waiters served delicious refreshments.

At the business meeting which preceded Mrs. MacMurphy's address last Monday, the Lincoln woman's club unanimously decided in favor of the per capita tax for the general federation. The committee appointed to formulate plans for conducting the annual election reported as follows: The heads of each department, with one delegate elected from each department, shall constitute a nominating committee, this committee shall present the names of the delegates to the national federation at the meeting for the election of officers, which will be held April 12th. A general reception will be held March 11th at the home of Mrs. F. M. Hall.

The social feature of club life, which includes the husbands, is becoming more pronounced. We must all admit that a social function shared with our husbands is a pleasure increased. Last Monday evening the Atheneia club of Lincoln tendered its usual annual banquet to the husbands. But this banquet differed from all preceding ones, in that it was progressive, each course being served at a different home. The opening course of soup was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kelly. After a change of partners, the jolly company proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Talbot, where the fish course was awaiting them. Another change of partners and a brisk walk brought this company of hungry tramps to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ladd, where the turkey with its usual accompaniments, soon assuaged their craving hunger. The sweet course was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Green, where the remainder of the evening was spent. It was a very unique entertainment and heartily enjoyed by about thirty participants.

One of the most interesting and successful meetings of the Lincoln woman's club was held last Monday afternoon. It was under the auspices of the household economics department and was called "Nebraska Products Day," and the many useful and beautiful articles on exhibition, manufactured mostly in Lincoln, were a surprise to all. Coffee, crackers, cheese and candies were served