

tato, Mendelssohn; Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond, Miss Ensign, Miss Eiche.
Songs—"Spring," Gounod; "Morning Hymn," Henschel; "Serenade to Junata; Jouberti; Mrs. R. A. Holyoke.
Cello—Elegy, Ernst; Miss Lillian Eiche.

Choruses—"Sister, Awake," Templeton Strong; "Ride of the Elves," Mendelssohn; Matinee Musicale chorus.

String accompaniment—First violin, Miss Silence Dale; second violin, Miss Ina Ensign; viola, Mrs. Emma Hagenow; cello, Miss Lillian Eiche.

Omaha Notes.

Mrs. Draper Smith has been elected director of the Omaha Y. W. C. A.

Judge Woolworth and daughter, Mrs. Howard, have gone to New York.

General and Mrs. Manderson expect to return to Omaha today.

Mrs. Estabrook, Miss Estabrook and Colonel Clowry made a visit of a few days in Omaha last week.

Senator Millard and his daughter have gone to Washington, it is said to select a house.

Girls' Basket Ball Tournament.

The people of Lincoln have seen two or three basket-ball games by girls in recent years, but last Friday and Saturday occurred the greatest event of the kind, and probably the first regular tournament for girls ever given in this country. Basket-ball was invented to provide an active indoor sport for girls, and no one who saw the tournament can doubt that they play this game as well as boys play base ball or foot ball. The tournament was arranged by the state university to promote girls' basket-ball, and for the "fun of the thing." A handsome first prize and a consolation prize were provided.

The first event was between the university first team and the Wahoo high school. The Wahoo girls were at great disadvantage because their opponents averaged six inches taller. They played a splendid, plucky game nevertheless, and though they seldom had a chance, their goal throwing was very skillful. The spectators were much amused, when the Wahoo girls made their first point, to see them run and hug Mr. Searson, their school principal, who, it seems, had promised the girls unlimited treats if they scored. The university had to work for it, but won by a score of 27-10.

The next match was the Lincoln high school against the university second team. The high school girls played fast and hard, though somewhat handicapped by the slipperiness of the armory floor. Their own gymnasium floor is less spacious and rougher. The university girls were outclassed in team work and speed, and the high school won 11 to 5.

The Uni. first team, having won the first match, now played against Omaha for a chance in the finals next day. This game was splendid. It was the quickest, closest and hardest fought, and least rough of any game ever played in Lincoln. The ball was constantly being passed back by one set of forwards, stopped by the opposite guards and sent flying toward one goal or another. Until near the end of the last half Omaha held the lead, when by fine guarding and rapid, clever passing the university made two goals, scoring four points and winning the game, 8-5.

Saturday afternoon occurred the finals, to determine the prize winners. Omaha and Wahoo both having been defeated by the university, played first. In this game the Wahoo girls showed much improvement over the night before, their tall guard doing remarkably well. Yet the difference in the size of the two teams was considerable, and Wahoo seemed utterly unskilled in team work. Though they made but three points, they held down their opponents

in fine shape. The final score was 9-3 in Omaha's favor. The Wahoo girls deserve much credit, considering the smallness of their school, their size and their newness to the game.

Next came the first half between the university first team and the Lincoln high school. The winner was to get first prize for the tournament, and there was much enthusiasm among the high school people, although no one doubted the university would win. The game was very swift, but the superior size, strength and endurance of the university girls enabled them to win easily, the score being 24-1. The superiority of the university teams over the visitors is due to the members having had from three to five years physical training, being older and more mature, and having more vitality than high school girls.

Between the halves of the university-high school game, Omaha played again, this time against the Uni. second team. The Omaha girls were too tired to make a good showing against their fresh opponents, though had they been fresh themselves they might easily have won. There was only a short intermission between the halves, the Omaha team was badly tired out, and the game ended 10-2 for the university. Omaha has a strong team; the co-operation of the players is excellent, the individual work good, and its part in the tournament was very creditable.

The tournament resulted with the Uni. first team holding first prize, Lincoln high school second, Uni. second team third, Omaha fourth, Wahoo high school fifth. The university keeps both the first prize and the consolation prize. The fact that five teams competed made the schedule difficult to arrange, but as nearly as possible the teams were matched so as to give an equal chance to each. The Lincoln high school girls regret the misunderstanding that arose and explain that they challenged the qualifications of the players on the university teams supposing that this tournament was to be an amateur contest under amateur rules. Several of the university team are apprenticed instructors in the physical training department, and one is a post graduate student. The university explained, however, that they invited the other schools to play their teams composed as they were, without regard to amateur rules; and the protest was therefore withdrawn. An annual tournament will probably be held, the prize to become the property of the team winning it two out of three years. In future tournaments it would be well to match high schools against each other, and universities the same. This scheme of promoting athletics for girls and young women is a good one and worth carrying out.

MEDICAL LEGISLATION IN NEBRASKA.

It is time wasted to spend it in vain regrets over the outcome of legislation concerning the medical profession in the late session of the Nebraska legislature. Our legislature has been privileged to display the degree of natural intelligence which it possesses, and it certainly has availed itself of the opportunity. It is well said that, outside of one's own profession or calling in life, one's reasoning powers seem to be defective, and that very few can be considered good judges of what is best for those in the other walks of life. Apathy has borne its legitimate fruit, and a bill has been passed conferring upon the people calling themselves Osteopaths most of the rights and privileges, but with practically none of the obligations, of members of the medical profession. To be just to those members of the legislature who belong to our profession too much cannot be said in the way of praise, both in the manner and in the energy with which they fought this bill. The future, however, may yet have

something in store for the people, if not for the doctors. In the words of Gaillard's Medical Journal: "Let us tell the public as often as we can that it is the function of the physician to act as watchman, and sometimes, when it is necessary for the safety and comfort of his patient's life, to interfere with medicine or knife. That is the ability to recognize the time of that necessity that the state vouches for in the holder of its license to practice medicine. Meanwhile it is the duty of the profession to the public and itself to use every effort toward the establishment everywhere of a uniform prerequisite to the giving of advice to the sick, and that the right to practice medicine be withheld from those ignorant of anatomy, physiology, and pathology in its widest sense. Then if a man trained in the recognition and knowledge of disease be willing to prostitute his powers in the pursuit of any ism or pathy, let him go. Perhaps some day we shall have accredited psychotherapeutics in a larger field—who can tell? But let them be graduated in medicine first."—Western Medical Review.

LINCOLN LETTER.

Lincoln, Nebr.,
April 17, 1901.

Dear Penelope:

Nebraska should have a state board to restrict the contagious disease of snobbery. The disease is spreading to the rural districts. It has reached Lincoln and is destroying the usefulness of some of the worthiest people. Why should the spirit of mortal be proud? Our ancestors were blacksmiths, our grandmothers did their own washing. Not a family in the place keeps a butler. Most mistresses answer their own door bells, for the one maid is washing or baking or scrubbing floors. Between the richest and the poorest in this little town there is no impassable gulf. No inconceivable millions divide Andy Bayless who runs the hand street sweeper from the richest man in town who is said to be Mr. Moore or Mr. Berger. There is, of course, a much wider barrier of culture between them. Your Omaha club committee is evidently badly pitted with snobbery. I have heard that Tim Murphy's remote ancestor was an Irish King, very short, but strong in the arms and legs, and Worrath! but he could manage a club in those days. The ancestors of the men whose paths he has made smooth were then serving this king and waiting humbly for his permission for them to leave the room backwards. I am very glad Penelope, that because a man is short and a trifle florid you do not fail to see his true nobility nor forget his distinguished ancestor.

You speak of Doctor Miller's kindly heart. Sure, he is a gentleman that would not tread upon a worm. Do you happen to know about his kindness to animals, about his lifelong mercy and gentleness to the unfortunate? Seems to me if Omaha or Nebraska has a "first citizen" it is Doctor George A. Miller, whose misfortunes have not embittered him. May he live long and enjoy his friends.

The Masons are holding a fair here and selling chances on furniture, draperies, etc. You pay your money and stand to win. If gamblers were to set up wheels giving the player twenty times the chances to win offered by this lottery the town would be aroused to the criminal negligence of the police and the mayor. There would be groans about collusion with the gamblers and a division of profits, but nobody is saying anything. People who would be ashamed to place their money on the red or the black, take a dozen chances on a leatherine chair without winning. Jack is a mason and he says there is a

good deal of quiet criticism among some of the older members. The society's traditions and the forms are solemn and religious you know.

Oh! Penelope, have you ever seen the Omaha high school girls play basket ball? Do go and see the next game they play. You cannot watch them without a feeling of admiration for the brave, strong, quick, agile-minded, young things. Straight and supple as young elm trees; in a match they are quite as slippery. Not that they outplay the Lincoln team. The team work, the machine work of the Lincoln high school team, seems to me superior. But the brilliancy, dash and presence of mind of Miss Towne, for instance, is admirable. The Y. W. C. A. team, which has been coached by Miss Woodsmall played in good form at the recent tournament and with a steadiness surprising in girls' teams. It was an invitation tournament under the direction of Miss Pound and Miss Barr, who altered the rules to fit their teams, claiming that as it was an invitation tournament they were justified in eccentric conduct. The discussion which ensued reminded me of a card party once given by a Lincoln hostess. You know how much discussion there is, in playing six handed euchre, about the widow and the methods of bidding. Well, this lady thought she would settle all that and she placed on each table a set of rules of her own invention. This was a long time ago, but she announced to an intimate friend, that as long as she furnished the house, the chairs and tables, "dainty refreshments" and prizes, she thought she had a right to make a few rules. "It was an invitation card party wasn't it?" Well, when the guests had exchanged the conventional greetings and settled down to business with the familiar determined air of the prize-winning woman, there arose immediately a deafening buzz. In response to remonstrance and petition the hostess was firm, and the games were played according to her system. She played herself, won the "first royal lady's prize," set it on the piano and it continues to ornament her boudoir. But echoes of that evening still cause a perceptible disturbance when the old timers discuss ancient history.

The Fortnightly club of Lincoln is circulating a pledge among those who give and those who do not give parties, in which the affiant agrees not to give prizes for card playing. The paper has caused much discussion. Many ladies have accepted invitations to prize parties in the past and their rooms are now decorated with the spoils of the game in the shape of arm-chairs, burl tables, etchings, cut glass and silver table ware, manicure sets, hot water bottles, etc. The grateful winners are reluctant not to give their hostesses an opportunity to win something back. You know it's not very good gambling form, when a man has won from an opponent to quit playing as soon as the luck shifts a little to the losing player's side. Lincoln women have a strong sense of fair play if they are unusually keen for prizes, and I believe this feeling will defeat the movement against prize parties. The prize is a stimulant and quickens the most sluggish, most pampered temperament. And about taking chances, it is very difficult to say where gambling begins and legitimate speculation leaves off. The future is hidden and only the witch-hazel prophets pretend that they can read it. As long as the future remains hidden men will hazard on its chances. The zest of expectation overbalances the pain of loss, but playing cards for a prize is different, don't you think so?

Yours,
ELEANOR.

All the world invites us to drink, yet all the world hates a drunkard.