

Monday Evening, October 7, Eight O'clock—Meeting of executive board.

PROGRAM.

Tuesday Morning, 9 O'clock—Presentation of credentials by delegates.

Ten O'clock—Meeting of board of directors.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2 O'clock—Meeting of Federation, Mrs. Smith, chairman.

Invocation, Mrs. Ida W. Blair, Wayne. Music, violin solo, "Thuringer Volklied with Variations," H. Haessner; Otto Voget, Wayne.

Address of welcome, Mrs. J. T. Bressler, Wayne.

Response, Mrs. Gertrude McDowell, Fairbury.

Annual address of the president, Mrs. Draper Smith, Omaha.

Report of officers.

Report of Committees—Credentials, Mrs. John Erhardt, Stanton. (Roll call of delegates.)

Reciprocity Bureau—Mrs. A. A. Scott, Lincoln.

Constitution Committee—Mrs. Lillian R. Gault, Omaha.

Club Extension Committee—Mrs. Winnie Durland, Norfolk.

Program Committee—Mrs. Ella B. Lobingier, Omaha.

Tuesday Evening, 8 O'clock—Educational session, Mrs. Anna L. Apperson, chairman, Tecumseh.

Music—"Mazourka," for harp, op. 12 Edmund Schneckner; Mrs. Estelle Blake, Omaha.

Address—"Primary Methods," Miss Ida Swan, Peru.

Paper—"Woman's Relation to the School," Mrs. J. M. Fife, Wayne.

Address—"Women at the School Meeting and in the Schoolroom," State Superintendent W. K. Fowler, Lincoln.

Paper—"Patrons' Associations," Mrs. W. M. Morning, Lincoln.

Address—"What Not to Study in the Club," Miss Margaret McCarthy, Omaha.

Address—Miss Margaret J. Evars, vice president G. F. W. C.

Wednesday Morning, 9:30 O'clock—Business meeting, Mrs. Smith, chairman.

Club Reports—One hundred fourteen clubs, two minutes each.

Wednesday Afternoon, 2 O'clock—Business meeting, Mrs. Smith, chairman.

2:30 O'clock—Art session, Mrs. F. M. Hall, chairman, Lincoln.

Art Conference—One hour.

Music—"Valse Caprice, Gabrielle Verdalle; Mrs. Estelle Blake, Omaha.

I. "Benefits Derived from the Study of Art," Mrs. A. W. Field, Lincoln.

II. "Art Study in Women's Clubs (a three years' course suggested), Mrs. Jennie E. Keyser, Omaha.

III. "How to Build Art Interest," Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, Lincoln.

Discussion.

Ceramic hour.

"Early Historic China of United States," Mrs. H. M. Brock, Lincoln.

"American Potteries" (eastern), Mrs. Anna R. Morey, Hastings.

"American Potteries" (western), Mrs. Belle Perfect, Omaha.

"American Pottery at the Pan-American Exposition," Miss Mellona Butterfield, Omaha.

"The Influence of the Public on the Ceramic Worker," Mrs. A. B. Fuller, Ashland.

"The Ceramic Worker's Obstacles," Miss Nina Lombard, Fremont.

Discussion.

Outlines and Suggestions for Study: China and picture exhibit in church lecture room.

Wednesday Evening, 8 O'clock—Reception to the Federation at the home of Mrs. J. T. Bressler, president of the Wayne Town Federation.

Thursday Morning, 9:30 O'clock—Business meeting, Mrs. Smith, chairman.

Report of Special Library Committee—Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenborough, chairman.

The Nebraska Traveling Library—Miss Edna D. Bullock, secretary Nebraska Library commission.

Discussion.

10:45 O'clock—Industrial session, Mrs. Amanda M. Edwards, chairman.

Music—"Fruehlingrauschen," "March Grottesque, Sinding; Mrs. Will Owen Jones, Lincoln.

Girls' Industrial School at Geneva and Other State Institutions—Nellie Elizabeth Cady, St. Paul.

Nebraska Industrial Home at Milford—Mrs. Elizabeth Sisson, Norfolk.

Woman as a Factor in Industrial Pursuits—Mrs. W. H. Clemmons, Fremont.

Women and Children as Employees—Mrs. D. M. Carey, Seward.

The George Junior Republic—Mrs. Etta R. Holmes, Kearney.

Parental Schools and Courts for Juvenile Offenders—Mrs. M. N. Presson, Milford.

Discussion.

Thursday afternoon, 2 o'clock—Business meeting, Mrs. Smith, chairman.

2:45 o'clock—Household economic session, Mrs. W. G. Baker, Norfolk, chairman.

Music—"Magic Fire Music," Wagner-Brassin; Mrs. Will Owen Jones, Lincoln.

Report of state work—Mrs. W. G. Baker.

Housekeeping on a business basis—Mrs. Anna B. Steele, Fairbury.

Influence of early home life on children—Mrs. M. A. McMillan, Norfolk.

Progress of domestic science in schools,—Professor Rosa Bouton, Lincoln.

Address—"The social trend of American life,"—Mrs. Elia W. Peattie, Chicago.

Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, Mrs. Draper Smith, chairman.

Music—Selected; Jules Lombard, Omaha.

Address—The practical and aesthetic value of forestry—Reverend C. S. Harrison, Pres. Nebr. Park and Forestry Ass'n., York.

Town and village improvement, illustrated—Mrs. C. W. Damon, Omaha.

Music—"America," led by Jules Lombard, the audience joining in the refrain.

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front teeth gone, and gowned in the everlasting print wrapper of the prairie housekeeper."

It is not with her story that I feel inclined to quarrel, for she has the right to make that just as sad and gruesome as she please; but I do object to her generalities and sweeping assertions concerning the characteristics of the inhabitants of our state.

She says they are chary of caresses—the prairie people—perfunctory kisses are given at the marriage feast or before the burial, but even these are few and far between." She describes the rural population of Nebraska that will compare favorably with that of any other state in the union in civilization, education, enterprise and kind-heartedness, as if they were a tribe in Central Africa having racial peculiarities of their own, instead of being a component part of our great commonwealth with that same human nature that makes the whole world kin.

Sympathy is as sweet, kindness as dear and love as delightful to hearts that beat under a hickory shirt or calico wrapper as the hearts under broadcloth and silk, and when she further states that the "attitude of a young western farmer to his mother is that of an Indian to his squaw," it is an insult to the very best of Nebraska's population. For "our staunch yeomanry is the country's pride." Many of them are university graduates and as cultured and kind as their city cousins. I do not think the author knows much about Nebraska or its inhabitants. Her story is full of inconsistencies anyway. She locates the home of the Carneys in a forlorn place and Mrs. Carney tells her stepson, Dan, on Decoration day that "There hasn't been a soul to this house since Christmas, except some campers whose wagon broke down." Yet in the afternoon, when Dan and his girl get caught in a dust storm on the way home from the memorial exercises and take a short cut to Dan's home, they find the house full of neighbor women caring for Mrs. Carney, who went out a short time before to drive some calves in out of the storm and succumbed to a heart attack.

"Carney trades his eastern business for a rocky Nebraska farm." I have never seen a rocky Nebraska farm, but perhaps Kate Cleary has. And she says "there was no timber in that region; the small, shabby house perched upon the bluff was exposed to the bitter winds of winter and to the almost more malignant furnace blasts of summer, yet under these adverse conditions she grows a flourishing peach orchard which is a great source of income.

I am afraid what she knows about farming wouldn't make a book, and what she knows about Nebraska is still less. Like Rider Haggard who hung his new moon in the eastern sky and Jules Verne who had his party cross Nebraska from Kearney to Omaha in a few hours on a sailing sled, it is a good story, but poor facts.

There is a lesson which the author never intended should be drawn from her article: and that is where, except in productive Nebraska, could a woman with a drunken, shiftless husband and a house full of children of her own, with the help of her two stepsons, have made so good a living? Had they lived elsewhere that "riotous, roystering, healthy brood that came tumbling in at supper time, and laughed and mocked and fought and burst into peals of laughter," might have been too nearly starved to possess such hilarious spirits. And "Dick, perfumed and pomaded, in his Sunday best," who went to town to a strawberry festival at the Methodist church might not have had the price anywhere else, for strawberries come high in May. And Dan, who took his girl to Decoration day in a new covered buggy and gave her his silk handker-

chief to tie over her eyes to keep the dust out, could not be classed among the unfortunates of the earth. And the poor, forlorn stepmother, to whom her sympathies go out, might have gotten much more happiness from life had she learned that she who asks little gets nothing, and made her demands accordingly. When there are thousands and thousands of prosperous, happy homes in Nebraska, whose owners started penniless and have reaped a competence from the soil and whose children are well educated and prosperous, and whose lives have been successful, why can not our Nebraska story writers select a type of inhabitant which represents Nebraskans instead of eternally chanting a tale of woe? It is such stories that give our state a bad reputation.

PRELUDE.

The blossom snow begins to blow
About the orchid close,
The fields forget the violet
But soon shall come the rose, My Dear,
Ah, soon shall bloom the rose.

The long year's prime is summertime,
And summer's coming on,
But the spring o' the year is all too dear—
And Spring is past and gone, My Dear,
O this is past and gone.

—October Scribner's.

President Roosevelt's Mid-Winter Hunting in the Rockies.

In mid-winter, hunting on horseback in the Rockies is apt to be cold work, but we were too warmly clad to mind the weather. We wore heavy flannels, jackets lined with sheepskin, caps which drew down entirely over our ears, and on our feet heavy ordinary socks, German socks, and overshoes. Galloping through the brush and among the spikes of the dead cedars, meant that now and then one got snagged; I found tough overalls better than trousers; and most of the time I did not need the jacket, wearing my old buckskin shirt, which is to my mind a particularly useful and comfortable garment.

It is a high, dry country, where the winters are usually very cold, but the snow not under ordinary circumstances very deep. It is wild and broken in character, the hills and low mountains rising in sheer slopes, broken by cliffs and riven by deeply cut and gloomy gorges and ravines. The sage-brush grows everywhere upon the flats and hillsides. Large open groves of pinyon and cedar are scattered over the peaks, ridges and tablelands. Tall spruces cluster in the cold ravines. Cottonwoods grow along the stream courses, and there are occasional patches of scrub-oak and quaking asp. The entire country is taken up with cattle ranges wherever it is possible to get a sufficient water-supply, natural or artificial. Some thirty miles to the east and north the mountains rise higher, the evergreen forest becomes continuous, the snow lies deep all through the winter, and such northern animals as the wolverine, lucivee, and snow-shoe rabbit are found. This high country is the summer home of the Colorado elk, which are now rapidly becoming extinct, and of the Colorado blacktail deer, which are still very plentiful, but which, unless better protected, will follow the elk in the next decade or so. In winter both elk and deer come down to the lower country, through a part of which I made my hunting trip.—From "With the Cougar Hounds," by Theodore Roosevelt, in the October Scribner's.