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# CLUB NOTES

## THE WEEK'S REVIEW

On Monday evening November 25, Fraulein Bertha Gericke, formerly of Berlin, now of Lincoln, gave a most delightful concert at the Congregational church under the auspices of the Woman's Club of this place. The program of the evening was varied and pleasing, and gave the singer an opportunity to display the power and sweetness of her voice. Miss Gericke has a vocal class in this city, and her work is highly appreciated by her pupils. She was assisted in the evening program by three members of her class—Miss Nelle Givens, Miss Bess Anderson and Mrs. W. E. Langworthy. Miss Mertie Anderson accompanied the singers. Miss Gericke's voice is a sweet mezzo soprano, and her charming personality, added much to the entertainment. After the concert a reception was held at the spacious home of Mrs. Herman Diers, where friends were given an opportunity to meet Miss Gericke. The lovely dining room was made more attractive by special decorations in the club colors and light refreshments were served.

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Miss Bouton of the Domestic Science and Home Economics Department at the state university, visited the Seward Woman's Club at its monthly meeting on Saturday afternoon. This meeting was adjourned from the parlor, the regular place of meeting, to the hotel dining room to permit Miss Bouton to make some practical demonstrations in the preparing of a number of simple but nutritious dishes. She gave a pleasant talk and advanced the theory that to make the perfect home, the home maker should make all things pertaining to the home her study. She congratulated the Seward Woman's Club on the large membership, the active interest shown and promised her aid in every way to assist them in their work. The Woman's Club shows a membership of nearly one hundred, which embraces young ladies, and some of the dear grandmothers of our town, who show as intense an interest as their daughters and granddaughters. This is as it should be. The blending of all ages, people of different ideas, into a large club for the town and plan for its development in all ways. The household economics department is rehearsing for a Christmas play to be given before the Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. Herman Diers. A food exchange will be conducted at this meeting and the whole program will be of the Christmas tide.

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The program at the Matinee Musicale Monday was a brilliant one as is apt to be the case when opera music is presented. The third division, Mrs. E. Lewis Baker and Miss Givens leaders, was on the stage but as Miss Givens left town two weeks ago the responsibility rested upon Mrs. Baker, who carried it with her usual ability. The opening choruses were among the best ever given by a division. The vocal soloists, Mrs. Jansen, Mrs. Baker, and Miss Gericke, are all possessed of the qualities which characterize a successful dramatic singer and their parts were all well taken. The duet from Der Freischutz which closed the program was beautifully rendered. Miss Eiche's selection was played with power and expression. Miss Perkins had not been heard in the club for more than a year; the warmth of the applause when she stepped upon the stage proved her a general favorite and she was recalled after her exquisite presentation of the quartet from Rigoletto. The following was the program:

Chorus (a) "Dark Care and Sorrow," (Huguenots act I), Meyerbeer; (b) Smoking Song (Carmen act I), Bizet. Mrs. J. Grainger, Mrs. C. G. Cone, Mrs. D. M. Butler, Miss Katherine Agnew, Miss Martha Walton, Miss Charlotte

Hullhorst, Mrs. S. H. Rathbone, Mrs. E. L. Baker, Miss Mary Kettering, Miss Lizzie Young, Miss Anna Caldwell, Miss Sydney Murphy.

Soprano solo, "Quando a te Lieta," (When to Thy Vision), Faust act IV, Gounod, Mrs. A. W. Jansen, accompanist, Miss Murphy.

'Cello, Walthers' Preislied, Die Meistersinger, Wagner, Miss Lillian Eiche.

Contralto solo, romanza from "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni, Mrs. E. Lewis Baker.

Piano quartet, march from Tannhauser, Wagner, Mrs. E. H. Barbour, Mrs. A. R. Mitchell, Mrs. J. W. Winger, Miss Annie Miller.

Soprano solo, aria from "Nozzi di Figaro," act I, Mozart, Miss Bertha Gericke.

Piano solo, quartet from "Rigoletto," Verdi-Liszt, Miss Emily Perkins.

Duet, "Schelmis Halt Fest" Der Freischutz, Weber, Miss Gericke, Mrs. Baker; Miss May Belle Hagenow, accompanist.

December the sixteenth will be American day and also an open meeting when each member is privileged to take a guest.

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The art department of the Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon. Miss Lippincott had charge of the program, the subject being "American Illustrators." Miss Lippincott talked of the men who have made themselves famous in this line of work, mentioning Gibson, Abbey, Christy and many others. Miss Mamie Hartley spoke of Alice Barber Stephens, Mrs. Foote, Charlotte Harding and other women.

The City improvement society met Thursday morning. Plans for a carnival or bazaar were discussed but no date was fixed. It is the plan to give an entertainment covering a period of five days and the ladies hope to enlist the interest of the citizens in general. Auxiliaries similar to that in East Lincoln will soon be organized in the north and northeast portions of the city. A communication has been sent to the city council asking that no permits for placing electric signs across sidewalks be granted. The sidewalk committee has held two meetings at the office of the secretary. The committee consists of Messrs. Lewis Gregory, J. E. Miller, T. M. Hodgman, C. A. Robbins, Adna Dobson, T. F. A. Williams, William Schroeder. This committee inspects the quality of brick which is placed in sidewalks and will interest itself in new walks to see that they are uniform and properly laid.

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Mrs. W. J. Lamb and Mrs. W. A. Green gave a pretty pink and white luncheon Tuesday at 1 o'clock to the members of the Fortnightly club. Fourteen ladies were seated at the large round table and four at a small round one. Both tables were beautifully appointed. Pink roses in cut glass vases formed the center pieces, the renaissance doilies were lined with pink, and the confections were pink and white. Covers were laid for Mesdames E. B. Andrews, E. H. Barbour, John S. Reed, A. W. Field, S. H. Burnham, C. H. Gere, W. A. Green, E. L. Hinman, W. J. Lamb, G. M. Lambertson, F. D. Levering, A. S. Raymond, L. C. Richards, A. C. Ricketts, A. J. Sawyer, W. G. L. Taylor, H. H. Wilson, and Miss Belva Hirron.

After the luncheon Mrs. F. D. Levering read a paper on Russian methods of colonization.

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The New Book Review club met this week with Miss Erb on Twenty-sixth and Vine streets. Current events were discussed, a biography of Gilbert Parker was given and Mrs. Kelly reviewed The Right of Way. Miss Warner favored the ladies with two songs. Refreshments were served.

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