

the commission recommends no radical and permanent cure for rebates. Meanwhile stockholders and managers of railroads have in operation a plan which will eventually put every shipper on the same plane. The railroad managers want all the money that they can get for transporting livestock and his canned ribs over this country. The five or six packing house firms referred to by the commission are cutting up and packing millions of beeves every day. They must continue to ship them to their customers in the various parts of the world. Now when the railroads are consolidated are they going to ship these products for a smaller rate than other and poorer shippers can afford to pay? For the sake of politeness? for the sake of the people who otherwise might not be able to afford meats? A railroad company is not an eleemosynary institution, it is not an institution for the dissemination of culture or for the propagation of Christianity or letters, or for relieving distress or hunger of any kind or degree. Be sure that when consolidation removes the fear of losing business to competing lines the freight agents will charge the petted "five or six shippers" of meats whatever the market will stand. Consolidation is a step towards the automatic and natural regulation of freight rates that legislation and commissions could not accomplish in centuries.

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Anonymous Letters

Not always defamatory by any means, the anonymous letter is sometimes only mildly critical and expository. But what a waste of time and of effort! When a letter is insulting it is easy to see why the cowardly writer preferred not to sign his name; but when the letter contains only deprecation of the recipient's literary opinions it is an example of rabbit courage that discourages a student of human nature. He has made us of all kinds. Some animals have wings, some have fins, some have hoofs and some bipeds have six toes. In the vast variety it is inevitable that there should be long-eared animals. The writers of anonymous letters have very long ears but whether they are most like the donkey or the rabbit only the writers themselves know. They have not Bre'r Rabbit's acuteness, although they possess his timidity. Neither are they as brave as the donkey, though their intellectual processes are very like his. Some animals are all proboscis, others are all mouth, there are others whose ears have attained a remarkable development. Now the ant-eater uses his nose and the whale uses his mouth, but the donkey can not hear with his enormous ears any better than the small-eared Kentucky thoroughbred. In the donkey's case the ears seem to have been raised over his head as a sort of flag or notice of foolishness and inability to think logically. His human prototype has no such convenient sign. His neighbors are obliged to infer the echoing emptiness of his head from his conduct.

CLUB NOTES

THE WEEK'S REVIEW

Why cannot Lincoln women have a club house? Lincoln people, and especially Lincoln women, accomplish just about what they attempt to do, and if they would bestow upon the efforts to secure funds for a club house the energy expended in other ways, success would follow. That the building is needed cannot be denied. Each year a committee from the Woman's Club, and another from the Matinee Musicale, sallies forth to find suitable quarters, and meeting with many discouragements. The smaller clubs are more easily accommodated, but many of them would be glad of a permanent home. Many large cities of the country, and some of the smaller ones have club houses, and what has been done in other cities can be done here. In Milwaukee one of the clubs formed a stock company, with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, shares twenty-five dollars each. Success crowned their efforts, and a handsomely appointed club house is the result.

The women of Grand Rapids, Mich., carried a similar enterprise to completion. Indianapolis women have the Propylaeum, a handsome stone structure costing thirty thousand dollars. Peoria, Ill., has a forty thousand dollar club house, and Buffalo, a wealthy city, one which cost one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. There are others representing a less number of dollars, which are complete and homelike one which cost but thirshrdluttemftw in every way. Andover, Mass., has one which cost but thirty-five hundred dollars, and Salt Lake City has a five thousand dollar house. The women of Junction City, Kan., owe their beautiful house to the generosity of a man (is there not one in Lincoln who will do likewise? The women would surely rise up and call him blessed) and Los Angeles has one built for the Ebell club by Mrs. Robert Burdette, wife of the humorist, and president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

Los Angeles, where the next biennial will be held, is rich, for the Friday Morning club is also the possessor of a house, built after the old Spanish mission style of architecture, and costing fifteen thousand dollars. Let Lincoln club women, stimulated by these and other examples, consider seriously the idea of building a club home.

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The recital given last week under the auspices of the Matinee Musicale, by Mr. Edwin Charles Rowdon, took the place of the regular meeting which would have occurred Monday last. The board met on Monday, however, to discuss a revision of the constitution and other important matters. Mr. Rowdon's

recital, by the way, added another to the list of artistic successes given by the Matinee Musicale. Sandwiched as he was between two great artists, Madame Zeisler, who has played before the club this season, and Josef Hoffman, who is soon to come, Mr. Rowdon, who was practically unknown to Lincoln people, attracted little attention. A fair sized audience was present, however, and all felt amply repaid for going. Mr. Rowdon is a young baritone of great promise. He sings with feeling and in sympathy with the ideas of the composers from whom he sang. His enunciation in the German and Italian, as well as in the English was remarkably clear. His voice is round and smooth, and of great volume. He pleased especially in the cycle of songs, "Irmingarde," by Von Flieitz. He prefaced the songs with the story told simply and pleasantly. Mr. Rowdon will be heard by a larger audience when next he comes. Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond played the accompaniments.



MRS. W. G. L. TAYLOR,
President of City Improvement
Society.

The W. R. P. C. club met last Friday with Mrs. G. Henline, 1925 Euclid avenue. In response to roll call quotations from Sir Walter Scott were given. Mrs. Butler conducted the history lesson, Mrs. Heckler sketched the life of Oliver Cromwell, and Miss Green read a paper on "The Home of Shakspeare." Refreshments were served. The club will meet February 7 with Mrs. Herzog and Mrs. Bates, at 2130 Washington street, when the question of joining the national auxiliary will be decided. Quotations from Bunyan.

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The program for the meeting of Woman's club on Monday will be given by the current topics department, Mrs. W. M. Morning leader, and is as follows:

Musical reading, "Comin' Thro' the Rye," Miss Talcott.

"History of the Education of Woman," Mrs. Wessel.

"Emotionalism in Women," Dr. May Flanigan.

"Women and Religion," Mrs. Paul Clark.

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Mr. R. E. Moore entertained the Round Table Monday evening. Mr. C. O. Whedon led in a discussion of the subject "Should the Government, by Law, Exclude Anarchists From and Prohibit the Promulgation of Their Doctrines Within the United States?"

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The new Book Review club met this week with Mrs. T. J. Usher. Miss Towne gave a helpful talk on "How to Review Books."

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The ladies of the E. E. D. Kensington and their husbands spent a pleasant social and musical evening Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hayden. The refreshments were delicious.

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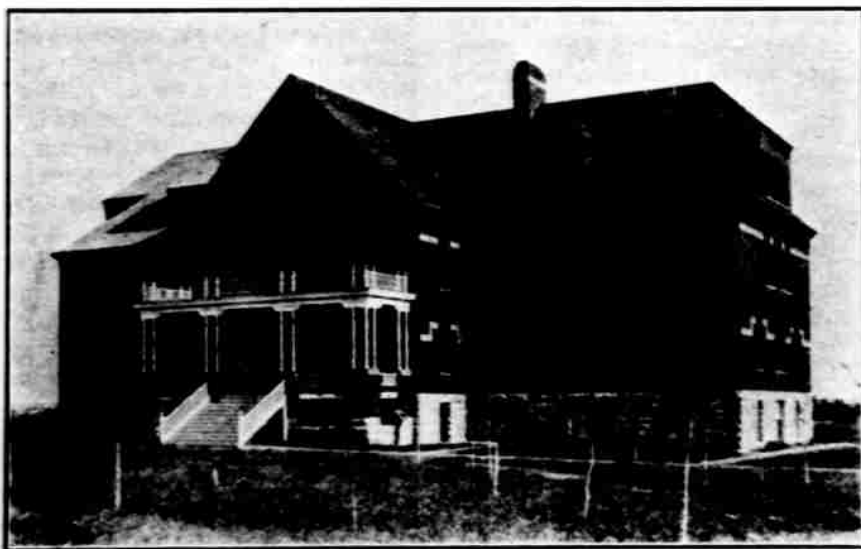
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