

# CLUB NOTES

## THE WEEK'S REVIEW

Officers of Nebraska federation of Women's clubs:

President—Mrs. W. E. Page, Syracuse.  
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Recording Secretary—Miss Minnie F. Becker, Columbus.

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Auditor—Mrs. H. M. Bushnell, Lincoln.

General Federation Secretary—Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenborough, Plattsmouth.

The banquet announced to be given by the Lotos club on December fourth has been postponed.

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The society of the Hall in the Grove will meet next Friday with Mrs. Ward Richardson, 1611 Poplar street.

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Sorosis will meet on Tuesday with Mrs. W. E. Burlingim, 1810 Holmes street. Mrs. W. E. Hardy will lead in the discussion of "The Royal Session" of June 23, 1789, an event which marked an important epoch in France.

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The New Book Review club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Joseph Scroggs. Mrs. W. M. Widener reviewed "A Mississippi Bubble," in a painstaking way and gave a short biography of the author, Emerson Hough. The hostess, assisted by Miss Wilkinson of Pennsylvania, served a dainty luncheon.

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The Fortnightly club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. M. Lambertson. Mrs. A. S. Raymond led in the discussion of treaty between the United States and France concerning the Louisiana purchase. Fifteen ladies were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Belva Herron, 1226 J street. Mrs. W. J. Lamb will be the leader; the subject, Treaties between China, Japan, Hawaii, and the United States.

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The Century club met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ezra P. Savage. The meeting was largely attended and was of unusual interest. Mrs. M. E. Van Brunt gave an entertaining paper on the writers of the south. Mrs. Atwood dwelt in a pleasing manner on Victoria's Laureates, Tennyson and Austin. At the close of her paper Mrs. Baker sang some of the poems of Tennyson, prettily set to music by Sullivan. The last subject of the afternoon was The Louisiana Territory, most ably presented by Mrs. Savage, who, without notes or manuscript, held the close attention of her listeners to her scholarly exposition of her subject. An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Savage at the conclusion of the meeting. The club will meet in two weeks with Mrs. W. C. Phillips.

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A new opportunity, that of studying agriculture, has come to the Wellesley girl.

The well known love of the Wellesley college girl for tempering higher education with the rustic idea has found a new expression by her adoption of a course of up-to-date farming. Arrayed in overalls, cut to conform with feminine garb, she may be seen daily doing agricultural "stunts" in the college garden.

Farming is being taught scientifically at Wellesley. While this branch of study is somewhat of a novelty in an American college for women, at one women's institution in England successful graduates have been turned out for fifteen years. The effort is to raise the humble occupation of the gardener to the dignity of a profession.

In addition to the spacious college grounds, the Hunnewell estate, it is said, will be at the service of the fair tillers of the soil.

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A club story worth repeating is told in the Record-Herald:

"There are some women who are totally unable to master 'Roberts' Rules of Law and Order,' just as there are some women who can never learn to cook. One of the Chicago club leaders who earn gold and glory by instructing other and less gifted or highly trained club women in the mysteries and learning of this interesting little volume firmly believes

that she has made the acquaintance of one such woman at least.

"She—the second woman, the woman who doesn't understand parliamentary tactics—arose and flatly interrupted the class member who was already speaking at a club meeting not very long ago. The member who had the floor rightly looked her astonishment and indignation. The class leader felt called upon to remonstrate with the woman who was out of order.

"Pardon me," she said, quietly, 'but Mrs. B— is speaking. You are quite out of order, my dear Mrs. L—.'

"Well," said Mrs. L— sweetly, 'I only wanted to say—'

"But you can't say anything now," rejoined the class leader, with persistent patience, 'for Mrs. B— has the floor.'

"Well," came the calm and serene reply of Mrs. —, delivered with the quietly triumphant air of one who sees an advantage, but refuses to press it, 'I won't speak to the question, officially, at all. But if Mrs. B— hadn't had the floor before me I wanted to say this—'

"And she said it, innocently, before either the class leader or the discomfited Mrs. B— could grasp her purpose or stop her. And then she wondered why all the other women laughed."

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The following opera program will be presented at the regular meeting of the Matinee Musicale Monday afternoon:

PART I

Chorus—With Martial Music—"Aida"—Verdi (Solos by Mrs. Joseph Grainger.)

Arietta—"Crispino e la Comare"—Ricci Miss Eleanor Raymond.

Trio—A British Tar—"Pinafore"—Sullivan Messieurs E. B. Carder, H. J. W. Seamark, W. E. Hubbard.

Recit e Cavatina—O mio Fernando—"La Favorita"—Donizetti Mrs. Henry B. Ward.

Cavatina—Dio possente—"Faust"—Gounod Mr. Wilbur Starr.

PART II

Selections from "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni

Siciliana—Turiddu

Introductory Chorus—Blossoms of Oranges

Drinking Song—Turiddu

Romanza—Santuzza

Scena—

(a) Duet—Turiddu, Santuzza

(b) Lola's Song—Lola

(c) Duet (continuation)—Turiddu, Santuzza

(d) Duet—Santuzza, Alfio

Intermezzo—Strings and Piano.

Santuzza—Mrs. E. Lewis Baker.

Lola—Miss Ada Castor.

Turiddu—Mr. George Johnston.

Alfio—Mr. Wilbur Starr.

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When will the makers of club programs learn to keep them within reasonable time limits, and when will women assigned places on programs, learn to

confine their remarks to the number of minutes allotted them? At a recent club meeting in a nearby city, Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines, and, if I mistake not, the Sulu Islands, were all subjects for separate papers, and one or two other talks were announced. With such a wealth of information poured upon them in one brief afternoon, how could the members possibly remember and classify even the most important points? I should think that their overburdened minds would have been so taxed with the potpourri of ideas thrust upon them, that mental indigestion would have been the inevitable result.

In speaking of the meeting of the Missouri state federation, held last week in Kansas City, the club editor of the Kansas City Star says: "The perennial fault of the program committee of the woman's club convention is crowding its numbers and assigning persons in many instances who persist in spinning out a half-hour paper when the time allotted is distinctly understood to be eight or ten minutes." What woman who attended the meeting of the Nebraska federation, held here two years ago, has forgotten the several long-drawn-out papers and programs which were inflicted upon the suffering audience? There is at least one club in Lincoln whose members say that they never get through with their programs satisfactorily because there are so many subjects assigned that no one woman has time enough to present hers. Fewer subjects, and shorter papers also, would not be amiss.

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The history department of the Woman's club will devote the year to the study of American history. The leader, Mrs. T. F. A. Williams, has prepared the following outline for the year's work:

I. Parties: 1. Disintegration and Reintegration 1815-1833; Downfall of Federalists—Reasons; Era of good-feeling—Meaning; Local parties; Election of 1824; Reorganization of parties: (1) National Republican, (2) Democratic Republican; Elections of 1828-'32.

II. Monroe Doctrine: 1. Evolution—Influence of Adams, Jefferson, Canning, etc. 2. Statement by Monroe and contemporaneous opinions as to its meaning. 3. Applications down to 1860.

III. Jackson—Money and the Bank: 1. Recharter and election of 1832; Removal of deposits—Cabinet crisis—Duane-Cabinet letter; Coin vs. bank money. 2. Censure and expunging.

IV. Jackson—Tariff and Nullification: 1. Tariffs of 1816, 1824, 1828, 1832; Position of S. C. economists as to who pays the tariff. 2. South Carolina's action—Nullifying ordinance—Acts to support it; Calhoun-Jackson struggle. 3. Compromise tariff of 1833—Clay nullification withdrawn; Results.

V. Crises and Panics: 1. 1819, 1837, 1857; Causes: (1) Assigned, (2) Actual; Actual conditions during period. 2. Philosophy of crises and panics.

VI. Rise of Abolitionists: 1. Garrison and the societies; Compare with early anti-slavery societies; Colonization Soci-

ety. 2. Manifestations: Incendiary publications; Right of petition. 3. Split in Abolition society; Causes for its decay.

VII. Tyler—Annexation of Texas—Election of 1844: 1. Early history of Texas; Independence of Mexico; Settlement of Texas; Texas Revolution—Independence. 2. Attempts at annexation: Treaty; Joint resolution. 3. Election of 1844; Influence of Texas question; Clay's letters.

VIII. Mexican War—Election of 1848: 1. Causes of war: Polk's dual policy—Oregon and Texas. 2. Leaders in the war: Fremont, Scott, Taylor, etc. 3. Results of war: Territory acquired. 4. Free-soilers and campaign of 1848.

IX. Compromise of 1850 and "Finality": 1. Theories as to government of territories: Congressional control; "Squatter sovereignty"; "Common property." 2. Clay and his plan. 3. Famous speeches—Calhoun, Webster, Seward, etc. 4. Relation of compromise of '50 to that of '20. 5. Results—bills passed—vote; "Finality."

X. Kansas-Nebraska Bill and its Results: 1. Douglas and his plans. 2. Growth of bill—passage—parliamentary tactics. 3. Results—Struggle in Kansas: Breach in party; Douglas vs. Administration. 4. Outcome—Kansas free; Democratic party divides; Lincoln elected; War.

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The thirteenth annual banquet of Sorosis was held at the hospitable home of Mrs. A. J. Sawyer on November 11th. After the interchange of greetings and the finding of partners by cards, the dining hall was thrown open and the guests were seated at the usual octagonal table. The mural decorations, however, were not as usual. These were rich hangings, tapestry and pictures, game bags, fish nets, oars, guns and other things indicative of out-door sports and games, the full significance of which was apparent later. The menu had a strong flavor of game also. The dainty programs represented the petals of the wild rose. The apt quotation—

"How gaily autumn paints upon the sky  
The gorgeous fame of summer which is fled"

suggested that vacation experiences was to be the subject of the speeches to follow. Mrs. J. E. Miller, the president, presided as toastmistress. She announced the toasts in a very original way and her brilliant sallies kept every one in the best of humor, from the beginning to the end of the enjoyable program. Mrs. M. A. Bullock extended a most gracious welcome to the guests, the husbands and escorts of the members of the club. Professor Lees responded in a happy manner. He predicted all sorts of wonderful things for women and finally that they would soar among the stars and have everything under their feet, even the men. A serio-comic retrospect of the thirteen years of the club's existence was given by Mrs. Bell. Mr. A. J. Sawyer spoke of "National Sports," beginning with the Olympian games and coming down to the four-year-old cat of his boyhood, baseball, football, and ending with a realistic account of "mumbledy peg." He no doubt would have men-



BONNIE DOON CASTLE TRILL TEAM OF LINCOLN,

Which represented the Royal Highlanders in the State Fair competitive drill and won second prize.