Mrs. E. J. Burkett gave a pleasant afternoon party on Thursday. The guests were entertained with a "shirt waist romance." The house was decorated with chrysanthemums and carnations. A luncheon was served in two courses. Fifty ladies were present.

Mrs. John B. Horton was hostess to twenty-eight ladies at a militory euchre on Wednesday. Chrysanthemums and roses adorned the house. A dainty luncheon was served. Prises were won by Mesdames F. H. Woods, E. P. Ewing, A. W. Lane, and Miss Starret.

Miss Stella Blaine Kirker gave a kensington tea this afternoon. Her guests were the ladies of the high school faculty and a few other spinsters, forty in all. After gossiping over Christmas needlework for an hour or two, the guests were regaled with a delicious tea served in courses.

The W. T. M. was pleasantly entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Arthur Gentzler. A contest called "the age" was entered into with spirit and was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. E. M. Barnes added to the pleasure of the ladies by rendering two vocal solos. Roll-call was responded to by Thanksgiving quotations, and the hostess had arranged a group of pictures representing Thanksgiving in the olden time. Mrs. Gentzler was assisted by her son, Master Russell, in serving a delicious two-course luncheon. Besides club members those present were Mrs. F. M. Crow of Omaha, Mrs. W. M. Widener and Mrs. E. M. Barnes.

Ins and Outs or the Employment Bureau

"Yes, an employment bureau is almost a necessity at the present time," said the lady manager of the only employent bureau in Lincoln, to a Courier presentative the other day. "There are hundreds of women who have no time to go out and hunt up help. They can not leave their household duties, so the employment bureau is an advantage. All one has to do is to come to this office, register, i. e., leave their name and address, give the number in the family, and a rough estimate of the work that will be required, pay fifty cents, which, by the way, is good for thirty lays, and we supply them with the help. We do an immense business, and supply the best people in town. We advertise extensively and have a great many calls from people living outside of Lincoln. We supply most of the hotels and res-taurants in the city, and a few outside. We not only secure help for people, but eip people to secure positions. A girl s employment can register in the me way, and state what kind of work she prefers.

"You have no idea how many people ask our assistance. We have people of every nationality, and every color. Girls from other towns, who desire work in Lincoln, and who do not like to make the trip and run the risk of not getting a position, write to us, and we find them work. This is one of the good features of an employment bureau—they are sure of work before they start.

"There is a great demand just at present for girls who will do housework; they are very scarce, and girls who heretofore received three dollars a week are now earning five and six dollars for practically the same work. A great many ladies here in the city simply 'phone to me when they need help, and I supply them as soon as possible. They are most always satisfied. A few even go so far as to come in person and thank me, which is certainly gratifying.

"There is a strong tendency for girls who have always done housework to aspire to other positions, such as office work, or clerking, and a few do leave housework to take up other lines of work.

"Once in a while a girl will start to work at a house and become dissatisfied, but for the most part they hardly ever come back, because they know in the beginning what will be required of them."

"Do many men register?"

"Oh, yes," was the answer. "Nearly as many as the ladies, although sometimes men come in to register for their wives. Some of them want help, and some of them want work to do. It is very amusing sometimes the way men have to stop and think. When they are asked how many children they have, they invariably have to stop to count them.

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"Very often we will ask a woman who wishes to advertise for a girl, how many children there are in the family. They usually say four, and add "the baby." They do not stop to think that a baby can make a lot of extra work.

"We will be busier in three or four weeks than we are at present. The Russian girls will be coming home from the beet fields, and will all want places to work.

"People come at all hours of the day, so we must keep open till six in the evening. We try to be accommodating and to please applicants to the best of our ability, and I think we do in a measure." And the writer agreed with her and was more convinced than ever that an employment bureau is a good thing.

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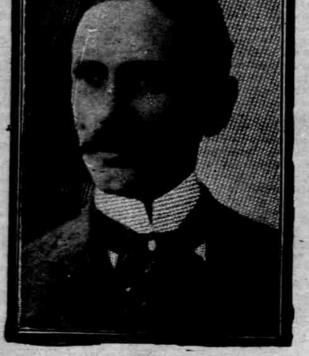
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