

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week. The Tuesday club met with Mrs. D. Baum on Wednesday. At "500" the honors were won by Mrs. Jack Koenigstein. The guests from outside the club membership were Mrs. S. M. Braden, Mrs. S. F. Erskine, Mrs. E. E. Gillette and Mrs. D. S. Bullock.

The Royal Neighbors of America gave a party at the home of Mrs. L. T. Cook in Edgewater Saturday afternoon. The time was spent in a social manner. Part of the afternoon was given over to music. Refreshments were served by the guests.

Mrs. A. M. Gwinn, who leaves Norfolk soon, was surprised Thursday afternoon by the members of the Ladies' guild of Trinity church. A luncheon, brought by the visitors, was served during the afternoon.

Misses Claire Napper and Mabel Odmore entertained the Dorcus society Monday evening, the session being held at Miss Napper's home.

The T. B. T. club was entertained by Mrs. C. E. White, at her home on South Fourth street, Tuesday afternoon.

Queen Esther circle of the Methodist church were entertained Tuesday evening by Mrs. J. H. Oxnam.

Mrs. P. H. Salter was hostess to the Bridge club on Wednesday evening.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield returned Monday evening from Ames, Ia., where they had been invited to chaperone a house party for the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, of which Spencer Butterfield of Norfolk is a member. The house party was given last Saturday and Sunday, each member of the fraternity inviting a guest. A delightful ball was given at which beautiful programs were a feature. Souvenir sterling silver spoons, presented to each guest with the fraternity monogram on them, were presented to each guest. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield enjoyed the house party immensely.

Miss Minnie Verges, accompanied by her sister, Miss Marie Verges, left Norfolk early in the week for New York, sailing from that port today on the America for Germany. Miss Verges will be married in Germany this summer to H. Fritsche, a landscape gardener, located at Thuringen, Germany. It is quite possible that Miss Verges and her husband will come to America within the next few years, to live.

Miss Helen Bridge is expected home this evening or tomorrow from Chicago. She arrived in Fremont this week and has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridge a few days.

Sam Erskine is home from the state university, having left school for this year on account of his health. He expects to go west for a year and to re-enter the university a year from next fall.

Mrs. C. C. Miller of Sioux City is visiting in Norfolk.

The Koenigstein Recitals.

The annual recitals given by the music students of Mr. Ludwig Koenigstein take place at the Auditorium on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of next week. These recitals in the past have won high favor with the music loving people of Norfolk and there is every reason to believe that the complimentary reception accorded the program in the past will be merited again this coming week.

Mr. Koenigstein's recitals in the past have been marked by careful preparation and by a well balanced program, invariably limited in duration to two hours.

Those who will take part in the Tuesday evening program are: Marvin Hibben, Delbert Dunbar, Marian Burton, Ruth Niles, Raymond Penney, Hattie Hepperly, Harry Meister, Shirley Engle, Waldo Rice, Lois Hardy, Gladys Cole, Florence Sheehan, Mildred Reese, Buford Reese, Nadine Cole, Bernice Mapes, Helen Sprecher, Jean Cantwell, Blanche White, Dorothy Rudat, Korrine Saunders, Carrie Thompson and Doris Weaver.

The most interesting feature of the Thursday evening program, will be the concluding number, "A Merry Company," or "The Cadets' picnic," a comic operetta in three acts. This is the first time that a light opera has ever been given by local people. The opera will occupy three quarters of an hour.

Lowell Erskine, Ruth Halverstein, Dorothy Rudat, Fritz Asmus and Korrine Saunders take leading parts in the action. Robert Ballantyne, John Lynde and Harold Clark appear as policemen. Adella Buchholz, Dorothy Durland, Ruth Halverstein, Bernice Mapes, Dorothy Rudat, Florence Sheehan, Myfawmy Solomon and Doris Weaver constitute the chorus. The cadets are Hans Anderson, Charles Durland, Roy Hibben, Marvin Hibben, Earl Lynde, Harold Robinson, Ray Muselman and Ben Willey. Nineteen songs are included in the opera. Admission to each of the recitals will be 25 and 15 cents.

Dance at Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., May 15.—Special to The News: The Neligh theater orchestra gave an invitation dance in the auditorium Thursday evening. It was one of the most pleasant social gatherings held in this city for some time. Thirty-five couples were in attendance, among them were young people from Norfolk, Tilden and Ewing.

SEASON'S END FRIDAY NIGHT

WHAT OMAHA THOUGHT OF "GIRL FROM OUT YONDER."

BURWOOD STOCK COMPANY'S HIT

Burwood Stock Company, Which Was Here in "The Devil" Earlier in the Season, Closes Auditorium Season. Omaha Critics' Opinions of Play.

It is believed that Norfolk theatergoers will appreciate the closing play of the season at the Auditorium next Friday evening, when the Burwood Stock company comes from the Burwood theater, in Omaha, its permanent home, with "The Girl From Out Yonder." The Burwood company is making a week's tour of the principal cities of the state. The Burwood schedule of prices, 75 to 25 cents, will be maintained.

The following comments by the dramatic critics of the three Omaha papers shows how the production was received in Omaha:

Omaha News.

The Omaha News of Monday said: "The Girl From Out Yonder" proved a popular attraction at the Burwood on Sunday, and two large audiences testified to this fact.

The play is an appealing one and the Burwood company presented it in a more than satisfactory manner, making it one of the best plays they have given this season.

The whole production is interesting, the comedy and pathos well brought out, and the company excellently cast, while the scenic part of the piece has been well looked after.

Miss Leone as the daughter of the lighthouse keeper won her audiences

finally makes his old maid sweetheart propose to him, is ably played by Mr. Gibson, who still draws laughs whenever he wants them. Miss Redmond does well with the part opposite him. Although the role of the city chap, who finally weds the island girl, is somewhat lacking in favorable opportunities, Mr. Grey lends to it all the naturalness and attraction that is possible without overacting and he deserves a good share of the applause. Mr. Todd, Mr. Fitch, Miss Stearns, Miss Marshall and Mr. Snyder carry the other parts satisfactorily.

Omaha World Herald.

The comment of the Omaha World-Herald was as follows: Well, here is another notch on the tally stick for Lloyd Ingraham, and right alongside of it a big score is marked up for Miss Maude Leone. And this, being interpreted, means that these two players of the local stock company, seen in "The Girl From Out Yonder," are this week revealing what they really can do when they set their hearts and minds on it.

A greater surprise was the work of Mr. Ingraham. Of course, good work is expected from him, but usually it is displayed in the portrayal of undesirable citizens. This time he has a character role which calls for delicacy of heart appeal, suppressed pathos and sentiment which any over-acting would carry into ludicrous sentimentality. That the player should prove himself adequate to the demands made upon him in this drama, assuredly demonstrates a new quality in his work. He made much of a role which in itself has no particular mark of distinction. The force of its appeal lay for the most part in the way it was presented.

The scene in the lighthouse, when the old keeper of the light gives up his daughter in self-sacrifice, was a piece of acting which put handkerchiefs into use in every part of the audience. There was much sniffing, much nose blowing, for in that scene Miss Leone, as the daughter, goes deeper in her emotional work than she has ever gone before. The conflict of moods, the steadfast courage of the old man, the heartbreak of the girl—these things are done with a simplicity and sincerity which deserve

Power will take charge of the grammar room at Tilden, and Miss Orva Stine will have the grammar room at Chadron.

The severe westwind of Friday carried away a section of the roof of the grand stand. The Athletic club have already begun repairing damages. The music department is busy preparing music for commencement. Some fine choruses will be given, as well as other selections.

The mid-term examinations are being held this week. Next week the state examination takes place. A large number have signified their intention of taking it, thus getting ready for next year's work before the warm weather arrives—which is a most sensible idea.

The school gardens are proving to be very popular places for study as well as for recreation. They certainly are giving the teachers a practical education in this important study. The young women of this department have evinced great interest in this phase of the work.

The Mothers' club of Wayne, a large organization, was addressed by Miss Helen Pile and Professor Hunter on Thursday. Miss Pile has completed a course in domestic science and will be at the head of that department in the school here, while Professor Hunter is the capable man at the head of the manual training department of the college.

Junior Banquet Seniors.

The Junior banquet, complimentary to the high school graduating class Friday evening, was one of the most satisfactory class parties in the history of the high school. This year the annual class reception gave way to a banquet with the seniors and the high school faculty guests of the junior class.

The guests met at the home of Miss Helen Friday at 6:30. At 7 o'clock the company adjourned to the parlors of the First Congregational church, where the Ladies' society of the church served a four course banquet. Between fifty and sixty were in attendance.

A number of toasts followed the banquet proper, Lester Weaver, president of the junior class, presiding as toastmaster. Miss Hertha Hauptli, of the juniors, responded to the toast, "The Seniors and the Faculty."

Earl Lynde spoke on "The Juniors." Miss Peterson, of the high school faculty, spoke on "Our Boys and Girls."

Charles Ward, a junior, spoke on a general vein. Miss Elsie Bowman, of the seniors, replied to "Here's to You."

Superintendent F. M. Hunter was the closing speaker, making many remarks complimentary to the senior class, a class which has made a commendable record in scholarship.

The latter part of the evening was spent at the Friday home.

Class colors interwoven formed the principal part of the decorations. The tables at the banquet were lighted with candles.

TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS

Herbert Knox Smith Submits Report to President Taft.

Washington, May 17.—A report upon taxation of corporations as carried on in New England states was made to the president today by Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations. The report says in part:

"The great growth of corporate wealth has made corporate taxation the first factor in the problem of state revenues. This report gives, by states, a digest of taxation laws, the methods of administering the same, the financial results, and comments. It gives prominence to underlying principles rather than to details. Although it deals principally with law, it is not a legal publication, nor has it been prepared especially for lawyers. It is intended rather for the use of the general public, and it will be particularly interesting to legislators and tax officials.

"The statutes have been examined and digested. The proper officials in each state have been interviewed as to interpretation, administration, and financial results. No discussion of a tax system would be of practical value if based merely on the statutes.

"The taxation of individuals is substantially the same throughout New England. Corporate taxation, on the other hand, shows wide diversity both in theory and in practice. Individuals are taxed on property. Corporations are taxed on property, or on income, or on a combination of both, or on capital stock, either par or market value, or occasionally—as in the case of telegraph and telephone companies—on mileage or number of instruments. Administration ranges from a system highly developed, handled centrally by state officials with large powers, to no centralized administration whatsoever.

"Particularly interesting is the Massachusetts taxation of 'corporate excess,' on the market value of stock less property otherwise taxed, and applied to all domestic corporations. Connecticut applies this to railroads, adding also their bonded indebtedness as a measure of ability to pay taxes.

"Railroads are among the largest taxpayers. In Maine they are taxed at a graduated percentage of gross transportation receipts; in New Hampshire, on property, but through a state board; in Vermont, upon gross earnings; in Massachusetts, by the state on their 'corporate excess' (market value of stock, less amount of property taxed locally), and by the towns on much of their property; in Rhode Island, on real property by the local authorities; in Connecticut, on the sum of bonded debt and market value of stock.

"Other public-service corporations, such as street-railway, telegraph, tele-

phone, express, car, gas, and electric companies, are most often brought under special and new systems of taxation. Taxation of public-service corporations on gross receipts is growing in use. Maine and Vermont use this largely; Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island in part; but New Hampshire not at all.

"Massachusetts alone succeeds appreciably in efforts to tax specially the manufacturing and mercantile corporations. This state taxes the corporation itself on its corporate excess through the state tax commissioner. The other states make unsuccessful efforts to reach this corporate excess in the hands of the shareholders through local officials. Massachusetts receives over two millions of dollars from this source; the other five states very little.

"Banks, insurance companies, and other financial corporations pay large amounts, often exceeding the tax paid by railroads, but they do not come within the scope of this report, except in the comparison of financial results. "Maine alone of the New England states secures large revenue by chartering corporations—nearly a quarter of a million dollars annually.

New England has made considerable advance in separating the sources of state from local revenue, supporting the local jurisdictions through the tax upon local property, and the state government by taxes upon corporations and inheritances. Vermont and Connecticut are the only states which thus pay practically all state expenses. In the other states the towns collect large amounts to turn over to the state."

Find Blind Pigs in "Dry" Lincoln.

Lincoln, May 17.—The police today, for the first time since Lincoln became a "dry" city, made a raid of the supposed "joints" and found six places where liquor was stored and dispensed. It is alleged, to customers.

One was a rooming house in the heart of the business district, and another a hotel.

What was claimed to be evidence of infraction of the excise laws, was found in a number of other places. Nearly thirty arrests were made. None of the well known clubs, where liquor is kept for the accommodation of members, was disturbed.

Six Saloons Now Running.

Saloon licenses granted by the city council Saturday evening: P. M. Barrett, J. A. Kelleher, W. G. Berner, John Weidenfeller, Emil Koehn and Martin Sporn.

Remonstrances filed by William Stokes but later withdrawn: Against William G. Berner, John Weidenfeller, Emil Koehn and Martin Sporn.

Saloon applications against which remonstrances by William Stokes still stand: Otto Selling, W. A. Redmer, C. A. Peterson and Ed Grant.

License refused Saturday evening: William Stokes.

Eight remonstrances, filed against saloon license applicants by William Stokes, proprietor of the Turf Exchange saloon, four of which were later withdrawn, lent spice to the council meeting Saturday night, when six holes were shot through the lid. The Stokes remonstrances apparently had the effect of bringing the eight councilmen closer together, and for the first time in several weeks the administration councilmen and the "stand patters" found themselves in a condition which had all the signmarks of harmony.

Barrett and Kelleher First.

The lid was smashed early in the evening, when the license-applications of P. M. Barrett, uptown, and of J. A. Kelleher, at the Junction, against whom Stokes had not filed remonstrances, were taken up and granted by a unanimous vote of the council.

The Remonstrances.

The Martin Sporn application, the third read, was accompanied by the following remonstrance:

"The undersigned hereby remonstrates against granting a liquor license to Martin Sporn for the following reasons, to-wit:

"Because the said Martin Sporn has within the last year sold intoxicating liquors to minors contrary to law.

"Because the said Martin Sporn has during the last year sold liquors on Sunday contrary to law.

"Because the said Martin Sporn has during the last year sold liquors on the day of a general election.

"Because the said Martin Sporn has during the last year sold liquors to habitual drunkards.

(Signed) "William Stokes."

"Well, he didn't do much," said Pat Dolin of the Fourth ward.

Eight Remonstrances.

The remonstrance against Martin Sporn was drawn up in blank form. Exactly similar remonstrances were filed against W. G. Berner, John Weidenfeller, Emil Koehn, W. A. Redmer, C. A. Peterson, Ed. Grant and Otto Selling.

Douglas Cones Talks.

Judge Douglas Cones of Pierce, appearing as attorney for William Stokes, addressed the council when the Stokes application was reached. Judge Cones said that he would take the council into his confidence and explain the situation. He said that it was rumored on the street that an arrangement had been entered into, whereby it had been agreed that some particular persons were to be preferred in the issuing of licenses. He was, he said, inclined to think that this was unfounded and that all who asked for saloon licenses would receive at least due consideration. Stokes, he said, had acted in the dark and to protect his own interests had filed remonstrances against his associates. Judge Cones was not prepared to say that this was the proper course. He declared, however, that it was done with no thought of coercion. Judge Cones announced that he was prepared to say that if the Stokes ap-

plication was given attention the remonstrances would be withdrawn. They had been filed, he announced in conclusion, because Stokes could get no assurance of proper consideration.

Looked Bad to Fuesler.

Councilman Fuesler spoke up: "These look like bogus remonstrances according to the report of the attorney." This remark was greeted with applause from the big crowd which packed the building.

The Ed Grant and C. A. Peterson applications, not being accompanied by bonds, were not formally up for consideration. Ed Grant had requested that his application be not read.

Barnhart Denies a Deal.

City Attorney H. F. Barnhart undertook to explain to Judge Cones the nature of the local situation and the existing deadlock. He said that no man was at liberty to say who would get licenses from the council. If the applicants came in with clean hands and on a fair footing he said they would find it would be a good deal like the land drawing at Bonesteel. He said that fair minded men could construe for themselves whether or not the remonstrances had been filed for the purpose of coercion.

Mr. Barnhart announced that he did not believe that his office prevented him from appearing before the council at the proper time to represent the cause of one of the applicants, Martin Sporn, his client.

Judge Cones, in behalf of Stokes, insisted that action be taken on the Stokes application. The city attorney said that what the council insisted on no figure. Mayor Friday said that the council would act if the remonstrances were withdrawn.

Barnhart on the Job.

City attorney Barnhart then played a new card. He announced that "on behalf of his client" he would file a remonstrance against Stokes. "And we will prove what we charge," he added. Barnhart got a paper and began to write.

Kill Druggist Permits.

The council turned its attention for a moment to druggist permits. Mayor Friday said he was opposed to any being issued unless the drug stores paid the same occupation tax as the saloons. Applications were received from the Klesau Drug company, Asa K. Leonard, George B. Christoph and C. J. Fleming. Fuesler voted favorably on the first application read, but after that the vote was unanimous against issuing drug store permits.

Withdraw Remonstrances.

Judge Cones now withdrew the remonstrances against Berner, Weidenfeller, Sporn and Koehn.

Council Takes recess.

The council then took a fifteen-minute recess. All eight councilmen held a conference in one of the office rooms. It was the first all-council conference held in a fortnight or longer.

When the council came back to the council room, saloon licenses were issued to W. G. Berner, John Weidenfeller, Emil Koehn and Martin Sporn. The vote was unanimous.

Vote Stokes Down.

This left a seventh license still to be granted. The application of William Stokes was the only one before the council without a remonstrance against it. The Stokes application was then taken up and voted down by a vote of seven to one.

Tuesday Next Meeting.

The council selected next Tuesday evening as the time to hear the remonstrances again W. A. Redmer and Otto Selling.

The whole question now seems to be which of these two men will receive the seventh license.

Six Saloons Open.

Norfolk, which has been without a saloon for thirteen days, had six saloons Monday morning, all of the places which secured licenses opening up promptly.

Council Proceedings.

Council met in adjourned regular session at 8:45 p. m., May 15, and assembled as an excise board to grant licenses, Mayor Friday presiding. Present, Councilmen Blakeman, Winter, Coleman, Craven, Fuesler, Fischer, Dolin and Hibben.

The application of P. M. Barrett for liquor license was read. There being no remonstrance filed, it was moved by Dolin, seconded by Blakeman, that bond of P. M. Barrett be approved and license granted, in accordance with prayer of the petition. Carried.

The application of J. A. Kelleher was read. There being no remonstrances filed, it was moved by Craven, seconded by Winter, that bond of J. A. Kelleher be approved and license granted in accordance with the prayer of the petition. Carried.

The application of M. Sporn, W. G. Berner, E. Koehn, John Weidenfeller and W. A. Redmer was read. Remonstrances were also read against all of the above. Moved by Fischer, seconded by Winter, that all applications be read. Carried.

The application of O. Selling was read; also remonstrance against same. The application of William Stokes was read. No remonstrance filed. The attorney for remonstrator asked for five minutes to consult client.

The application for druggist's permit of C. J. Fleming was read. Moved by Dolin, seconded by Winter, that permit be granted. Motion lost. The application for druggist's permit of A. K. Leonard was read. Moved by Dolin, seconded by Coleman, that permit be granted. Motion lost. The application of G. B. Christoph for druggist's permit was read. Moved by Winter, seconded by Dolin, that permit be granted. Motion lost. The attorney for the remonstrator

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notified the council that he would withdraw the remonstrances against M. Sporn, E. Koehn, John Weidenfeller and W. G. Berner. Moved by Blakeman, seconded by Dolin, that council take a recess for fifteen minutes. Carried.

Council resumed business at 10:15 p. m.

Moved by Winter, seconded by Craven, that bond of W. G. Berner be approved and license granted, in accordance with prayer of the petition. Carried.

Moved by Dolin, seconded by Fuesler, that bond of M. Sporn be approved and license granted, in accordance with prayer of the petition. Carried.

Moved by Craven, seconded by Fischer, that bond of E. Koehn be approved and license granted, in accordance with prayer of petition. Carried.

Moved by Fuesler, seconded by Winter, that bond of Wm. Stokes be approved and license granted, in accordance with prayer of petition. Motion lost.

Moved by Blakeman, seconded by Winter, that hearing on remonstrance be held Tuesday evening, May 18, at 8 o'clock. Carried.

Excise board adjourned and council assembled in regular session to transact unfinished business.

Moved by Blakeman, seconded by Hibben, that chief of police be instructed to stop the dumping of garbage in the river near the pumping station. Carried.

Moved by Craven, seconded by Dolin, that the fire team proposition of Mr. Monroe be accepted and the city attorney be instructed to draw up a contract in accordance with the proposition. Carried. Moved by Dolin, seconded by Coleman, that the mayor appoint a committee of three to wait on Mr. Klentz. Carried. The mayor appointed Winter, Fuesler and Craven.

Moved by Blakeman, seconded by Winter, that the city clerk be instructed to employ an engineer from Omaha, as per letter of Mr. Towe. Carried.

Moved by Fischer, seconded by Fuesler, that council adjourn until Tuesday evening, May 18, 1909, at 8 o'clock. Carried.

Council adjourned at 11:50 p. m.

Neligh Playing Ball.

Neligh, Neb., May 17.—Special to The News: The Neligh high school baseball team have three games on their string for the week. This afternoon Valentine will be here to try conclusions with the home boys at Riverside ball park. Wednesday Neligh goes to Stanton, and Saturday they will receive Norfolk for the return game here. For the game this afternoon all the business houses have agreed to close until after the contest is over. It is currently reported that the visiting aggregation of ball tossers consist of a fast bunch of players.

Gates Beats Neligh.

Neligh, Neb., May 17.—Special to The News: An interesting game of baseball was played at Riverside park Saturday afternoon between the North Neligh team and that of Gates academy. It was a game full of sensational plays on both sides, although Gates had the best of the argument from the start. Harris, for Gates, held the visitors down to three hits, while Lubkin was knocked out of the box in the second inning. Following is the score: Gates 11 1 1 1 1 0 0 2—7 North Neligh 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 1 0—4 Batteries—Gates, Harris and Wood; North Neligh, Lubkin and Hughes and Hughes. Struck out—By Harris, 11; by Lubkin and Hughes, 9. Umpire—Leon Leonard.

GET FISH NETS FROM ELKHORN

30,000 Trout are Placed in Spring Branch, Near Norfolk.

Madison, Neb., May 17.—Special to The News: J. B. Donovan, deputy game warden, went to Norfolk last evening and met Dan Guyleys, chief game warden, and Billie O'Brien, superintendent of the state fisheries. Assisted by Burt Mapes and County Commissioner Burr Taft, Mr. Donovan planted 30,000 trout in Spring Branch, he having procured them from the state hatchery.

While there, Mr. Donovan, assisted by Harry Lamb, at the suggestion and under the direction of Mr. Guyleys, devoted the entire night in search for fish traps and nets along the Norfolk of the Elkhorn from the dam to the place where it empties into the Northfork. They found and took possession of three gill nets and two fish traps.

As soon as the chief game warden returns to Lincoln from Wood Lake where he and O'Brien have gone with the fish car, he will send Mr. Donovan seines to be used in removing the carp from Kent Sliding lake west of Norfolk.

The funeral of Stephen Stork was held at the family residence ten miles northeast of here this afternoon. One of the largest funeral processions in the history of the county followed the remains to the Clausen cemetery at Madison where interment was made.