Society

By MELLIFICIA. Friday, October 29, 1915.

OMAHA society listened with bated breath while Lady Gregory told them how they, too, might have a national theater. There was everything to make it possible—even the money, and this is in great abundance.

Following the suggestion of the creator of the Irish theater, will some Omaha millionaire come forward, like an Italian prince of old renaissance, with pride in his city, and make this wondrous thing possible?

Is Omaha to have it own little theater, with plays of its own setting, of its own life, of the very earth on which it stands?

Is this going to be? And what will be the outcome?

If any one may have his doubts about it, he is surely weak of heart and small of hope. In this connection I can't but recall something William Dean Howells said to me: "If you mean to create literature, go back to your plains," said the "Dean of American letters; "go back to your Nebraska if your aim is literature and not amusing reading to sell. The great masterpieces of the future will come out from your country and be of its people, its builders of empire. Out there," he stretched his hand westward, "there lies the field for the working of a great literature."

With the little theater in Omaha a reality, of course, the rest will follow, and some dreamy-eyed boy now plowing in the winter wheat will be stirred to rise and strike the high note that Synge got in "The Riders to the Sea," "The Shadow of the Glen," that Norman Duncan wrought from the living and dying of the men of the north Atlantic, that Mrs. Deland grasped and made into immortal realness from the simple living of Pennsylvania villagers.

Remember there is a great sculptor who has come into activity so large that he cannot content himself with mere blocks of marble. There is a mountain of stone in Georgia, and next month this sculptor goes south to sculpt it, his handpiece. Here is an effort wholly of the plains. Here is a plainsman in art with a conception so oversweeping that he must take his chisel and his mallet to a mountain for expression. It goes without saying he was reared in Nebraska. So why not a great dramatist some day?

Events of Today.

Mrs. Harold Pritchett entertained the Wednesday Bridge club this afternoon at her home. The members are:

Mesdames—	Mesdames—
John Potter	Ben Wood,
Webster.	Harold Pritchett,
Misses—	Misses—
Daphne Peters,	Elizabeth Davis,
Gladys Peters,	Minie Davis,
Mildred Butler,	Louise Dinning,
Elizabeth Bruce,	Mary Burkley,
Katherine Thummel,	

Mrs. W. J. Connell entertained at luncheon in honor of Mrs. Scott, wife of the Rev. Dr. Scott, formerly pastor of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church. The guests comprised only old church friends of Mrs. Scott. The table was decorated with a large centerpiece of Killarney roses.

Mrs. Lobingier Departs.

Mrs. Charles S. Lobingier, who has been the guest of Mrs. Charles C. Belden, left for Lincoln Thursday evening to join Judge Lobingier, who is lecturing before the law department of the university. Mrs. Lobingier will return to Omaha this evening to take the train for San Francisco, from where she is booked to sail for Manila on November 5. After visiting for some weeks with friends in the Philippine capital Mrs. Lobingier will leave for her home in Shanghai, China.

Pleasures Past.

Tuesday evening Mrs. W. N. Johnson was hostess to the first of the evening parties planned by the George A. Custer post and Woman's Relief corps for the coming winter. The evening's entertainment comprised a supper, music and cards. Prizes were won by Mr. Charles Thomas and Mrs. B. F. Atkins.

Miss Nellie F. Green, assisted by Mr. Frank Smith of Washington, D. C., danced Wednesday evening at a reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Monroe at Kansas City.

Prairie Park Club.

The members of the Prairie Park club entertained Thursday evening at the club house. The rooms were decorated in the club's colors, green and white, and the formal program included musical numbers by Mrs. Willis C. Crosby and Miss Kathryn Smith, readings by Miss Travis, Miss Dora Sass, Miss Ruth Miller and Mr. Frank C. Lee, and closed with several of "Billy" Lawrence's monologues and musical skits. Following this a supper was served and an impromptu musical program given by Miss June Abbott, closing with a chorus of "Brighten the Corner."

Motors to Lincoln.

Mrs. John C. Wharton, wife of Postmaster Wharton, motored to Lincoln and back Thursday, taking a party of friends with her.

Feltman-Novitsky Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Sarah Novitsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Novitsky, to Mr. Louis Feltman was solemnized Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, Rabbi Grodinsky officiating.

The bride was gowned in white crepe de meteor, with bodice of real lace and georgette crepe. Miss Bess Monsky, maid of honor, wore yellow crepe de meteor with self tone trimmings and lace. Mr. Sol Novitsky was best man. A solo was sung by Miss Lillian Steinberg.

After a wedding trip to eastern points Mr. and Mrs. Feltman will be at home at The Lafayette.

Dancing Parties Tonight.

Cumi club at Hanscom park pavilion.
Le Mars club at Turpin's.
La Plasoma, Mr. Paul Erwin, host.
Club dance at Chambers'.

Postponement.

The Hallowe'en entertainment to be given Saturday evening at the Pioneers' hall in the Douglas county court house will be postponed until further notice.

Concordia Dance.

The Concordia Singing society will entertain at a Hallowe'en dancing party Sunday evening at Music home, Seventeenth and Cass streets.

Mrs. Gallagher's Guests.

Miss Mildred Wagner and Miss Winifred Repp of Kansas City will arrive this evening to be the guests of Mrs. Paul Gallagher.

Personal Mention.

Mr. J. A. Cavers left Wednesday evening for Chicago and will return home Monday morning.

Mrs. Charles Iddiols of Kansas City is the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. L. Jorgenson, and sister, Miss Maud Jorgenson, at the Colonial.

Mrs. Westberg of Butte City, Cal., wife of Mr. J. N. Westberg, formerly city comptroller of Omaha, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. T. Cahill.

Dr. and Mrs. Waldo Scott and children, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Scott for the last two weeks, have returned to their home in Lodge Pole.

Hotel Guest Has Mix with Robber and Breaks Arm

Patrick Burns, guest at the Dodge hotel, was awakened at midnight by noise of an intruder whose motive appeared to be robbery. Mr. Burns engaged the intruder in a fistic encounter, which was temporarily stopped when the stranger slapped burns on the face. A tussle followed and the thief started to escape with Burns in pursuit. In the hallway the unwelcome visitor picked up a water pitcher and hurled it at the hotel guest, who lost his balance, fell down the stairway and broke his left arm. Mr. Burns lost $3.

George Off and E. M. Luther of the Wellington hotel reported to the police that their rooms were entered during the night and two watches taken.

And Election is a Long Way Off

The political siren is said to have whispered a few words into the ears of City Clerk O'Connor. This fickle mistress of fiction deigned not to enter the portals of the city hall for a recent period of seven weeks, 'tis said.

Mr. O'Connor acted as the medium at a slate-writing seance. His hand was guided by an unseen force in fashioning the following political dope which refers to prospective candidates:

Jeff W. Bedford, county commissioner; David Compton, county commissioner; C. A. Melcher of South Side, treasurer; M. L. Endres, treasurer; J. M. Fitzgerald, police magistrate; Ed Howell, state senator; G. A. Magney, county attorney; Tom McGovern, sheriff.

The cryptic informant further explains that the men referred to are identified with the democratic party and that their candidacies at the present time are of the "we-have-with-us-this-evening" class. They are "being considered" either by themselves or friends, and in some instances are willing to make the sacrifice if their party calls them.

BELLEVUE COLLEGE GERMAN CLUB GIVES A PROGRAM

"Rah! Rah! Deutschland ueber alles!" sang the Bellevue College German club last night when it took a one-hour trip to the Fatherland. Seymour and Arline Smith pased as "Herr and Frau Schmidt," with Bernice Miller as the maiden aunt, and Dean Fales and Mattie Cassel as Jacob annd Gretchen, the twins. Prof. M. L. Carter of the German department impersonated Frau Schulze, a very German old lady.

The first half of the evening's program was given over to a scene in the Schmidt home, where the plans and preparations for the journney are made and the family party travels to New York.

During the second half of the evening all the members of the German club were assembled on board a transatlantic liner. At an impromptu concert on shipboard Miss Margerie Diddock, called for the occasion Madame Schumann-Heink, sang two delightful German songs. As the boat pulled into the German port the whole company raised its voice in the grand old German song, "Die Wacht am Rhein."

At the next meeting, two weeks from last night, the club will travel through north Germany, visiting all the points of special interest.

DUNN PROUD OF THE OMAHA POLICE RECORD

Chief of Police Dunn states that since September 1 his department arraigned before the police judge sixty-six persons who were bound over on charges of burglary, grand larceny and similar charges.

He believes this is a good showing and declares that if some critics of the department would take the trouble to scan the records they would have some real idea of the situation.

SHOULD URGE SONS TO JOIN MINISTRY

Episcopal Women's Auxiliary Has Enthusiastic Session in Omaha at Brownell Hall.

AUTO RIDE IN THE AFTERNOON

Mothers who throw up their hands in horror and exclaim, "My son for the ministry? Oh, no! I wouldn't consider it!" were smartly rapped by the Rev. W. E. Gardner of New York at Brownell Hall this morning, befor the Episcopal Woman's auxiliary meeting.

"You mothers who refuse to permit your sons to enter the ministry or who do not encourage them to do so are taking from the church that which keeps it alive. If this continues we will come to the point where will have no adequate ministry. The parents will be to blame, but the mother has the first responsibility. I sometimes think there is a greater spiritual realization on the part of children than there is on the part of their parents," said he.

Antiquated church boards dealing with religious education which refuse to see that religious education involves anything else but Sunday schools also came in for a share of the clergyman's displeasure.

"That isn't the way to do God's business. A system of religious education through church schools should be evolved. Secondary schools should be given more attention.

"Don't limit your work to mission study," he asked of the women.

Might Have Averted Trouble.

The danger of separating the work of the church into too many departments was also emphasized by Rev. Mr. Gardner. "The trouble in New York with the board of missions would never have occurred if there had been some kind of organization which embraced each department of work and looked after the interests of all."

Mrs. Foster of Wyoming urged the women not to let bridge clubs, vaudeville and joy rides intertere with their church work. "You are forgetting your baptismal vows when you do," she said.

Mrs. Burnside of South Dakota said white women had been put to shame by the generous contributions of Indian women in her state to the "united offering" part of church work. Mrs. Burnside u[illegible] the women to learn systematic giving.

Bishop L. R. Brewer of Montana of the "apportionment plan" urged the women to arrange for meeting the apportionment of their diocese more readily. The bishop is a cousin of Mrs. A. J. Poppleton.

Bishop Brewster filled the place in the program for Mr. Crouch of New York, who did not arrive. Mrs. Thomas of Wyoming was also unable to be present.

Rev. Philip J. Deloria, called "the Phillips Brooks of the Indians." Mrs. Longley, wife of Bishop Longley of Iowa; Mrs. J. W. Watzek of Iowa, and Miss Elspeth Rattle were other speakers.

An automobile ride and a tea at Trinity cathedral deanery were arranged for the afternoon.

Foster Must Tell Court Why He Would Not Approve Bond

A case to test the legality of Police Judge Charles E. Foster's new system of refusing to approve certain kinds of appeal bonds has been started in district court by Attorney Dan Horrigan.

District Judge Willis G. Sears has issued an order allowing an alternative writ of mandamus, under the requirements of which Judge Foster must either accept a certain appeal bond which he formerly refused to approve or else must appear in district court to show cause why he should not accept it.

The basis of the mandamus suit is Judge Foster's refusal to accept an appeal bond signed by Harry White, 2123 Cass street, proprietor of the Aetna hotel and saloon at Thirteenth and Dodge streets. The bond was offered when appeal was taken from the conviction of Rosa Bell in police court, she having been sentenced to ninety days in jail.

The alternative writ of mandamus is made returnable before Judge Sears Saturday morning.

The bond required in the Bell woman's appeal was $300. White in his bond swore that he was worth $50,000 above debts and liabilities.

WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE IN OMAHA IS HEIR TO A FARM

Omaha police have been asked by B. F. Koperlik of Pueblo, Colo., to look for a sister of Charles Hennessy, believed to be in this city. Hennessy died and left an estate of 480 acres of land in Colorado, considerable live stock, and mining property near Cripple Creek. Also a quantity of cash is said to be buried near the farm.