

### CLUBWOMAN GIVEN A RED-HOT ROAST

When Asked to Speak, Says Mrs. Winter, She Consults Encyclopedia and Reads Paper.

#### ASSERTS STUDY CLUB NOT DEAD

The typical clubwoman who never makes a public address without her written paper was given a decided setback by Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, chairman of the literature department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and president of the Minneapolis Woman's club. "I am not in favor of the written paper. Just think, in America women are the only leisure class, yet the average woman, when she has to present a subject, consults the handiest encyclopedia, jots down the contents and reads a paper in public," was Mrs. Winter's arraignment.

"The study club is not dead, as many will tell you. It is only dead study that is dead. Literature is as necessary as food. Avoid the dusty, dingy byways and when you read the ancient, read the characters not as figures of the long ago, but get the message of living, breathing persons."

Mrs. Winter intimated that the woman who reads classical works without understanding their message was as useless to society as the bridge player.

"The literature of today is alive, not pedantic," Mrs. Winter prophesied, too, that the literature of today was but the forerunner of another golden age in literature.

**Need for Poetry.** "True, there is light literature, but that sometimes has more of a solution than the ponderous sort. Never has there been an age that needed poetry more than ours."

Mrs. Winter pointed out how all the great problems of the day could be better understood with literature as a means.

"The immigration problem is one of the greatest questions of the day. While we are complacently calling ourselves Anglo-Saxon, immigration statistics prove that Slavs are coming to these shores in greater proportion than any other people. What are we doing to Americanize them? How can we do anything for them, how can we possibly understand them unless we know their literature and art?"

Mrs. Winter advised reading aloud and open discussion as the best means for real study of literature and admonished all mothers to require their children to memorize countless lines of poetry, even if it was beyond their little minds. "In later years they will reap the benefit of the lines of which they had no conception," she said.

Miss Ethel Dixon of the Brownell Hall faculty spoke on "Modern Drama," dealing with the three schools, symbolism, realism and romanticism. The program was in charge of Mrs. C. H. Mullin, leader of the literature department.

At the business meeting Mrs. Winter also told the clubwomen of the success as a business venture of the Minneapolis Woman's club building. The Omaha Woman's club has long contemplated such a structure.

"The women must raise the money for such an undertaking. You must learn to put your money where your hearts are. You women would not hesitate at the expense of a hat or a lace collar," she said.

Mrs. A. G. Peterson, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, made an appeal for the Belgian relief fund and also for a loan fund to further the work of the scholarship fund.

Mrs. Page Morrison of the Council Bluffs Woman's club, Mrs. G. C. Edgerly of Dunbar and Mrs. W. P. East of the Woman's Club of the Railway Mail Service made short talks.

Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Peterson were entertained at luncheon at the Fontenelle today by the Woman's club.

### High School Alumni Boosting Bernstein

#### START WORK ON FARMS LAST PART OF NEXT WEEK

Superintendent Ritz of the Missouri Pacific with headquarters in Falls City is in town and asserts that all through the southern part of the state and in northern Kansas the snow is about all gone and that farmers are talking about seeding. Should fair weather continue, he asserts, that by the last of next week farm work in the fields will be well under way.

**How Mrs. Harrod Got Rid of Her Stomach Trouble.** "I suffered with stomach trouble for years and tried everything I heard of, but the only relief I got was temporary until last spring I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them at our drug store. I got immediate relief from that dreadful heaviness after eating and from pain in the stomach," writes Mrs. Linda Harrod, Fort Wayne, Ind. Obtainable everywhere.

**Culls from the Wires** Massachusetts building at the Panama-Pacific exposition, which is a reconstruction of the front wing of the old state capitol at Boston, was dedicated.

What is believed to have been an attempt to wreck and rob the California Special on the Rock Island at Parsons, thirty miles from Memphis, was foiled when the wreckers' derails by mistake an extra freight train. Three masked men, who appeared when the freight left the rails, vanished when they saw it was not the California Special. The special was derailed before it reached the scene.

Predictions that within five years there would be no more railway accidents except those due to human fallibility were made by T. S. Stevens, president of the Railway Signal Association which began its annual meeting at Chicago. In addition, the National Railway Appliances Association, the American Railway Engineering Association, the Roadmaster and Maintenance of Way Association and the Western Division Telegraph and Telephone Superintendents Association are in session.

### Dead Men Asserted Placed Upon Terre Haute Registration Rolls

INDIANAPOLIS, March 16.—Dead men were placed on the registration books in Terre Haute last October, according to Ira Weisman, Silas Brewer and Joseph G. Elder, who testified in the Terre Haute election fraud case today.

Weisman said he verified the poll in three precincts. In one precinct he found two dead men registered, he testified. One man had committed suicide a few days before registration and the other had been dead several years, he said. He added he had found one man registered from a street number which would have been in a gravel pit filled with water. He was unable to find about 300 men on the registration books, he testified.

Brewer said he worked in four precincts and found one man, who had been dead a year, registered from a house that had been moved away. There were a total of about 200 names on the books that he could not find at all, he asserted. In addition, he testified, many were registered from vacant lots and impossible street numbers. Elder gave similar testimony.

### MAY CLOSE UP PARK SCHOOL FOR SAFETY

Board of Education Stirred by Condition There and Also at the Bancroft School.

#### MONEY FOR BUILDINGS NEEDED

That the Park school is disgraceful, deplorable and dangerous and should be condemned—that the old Bancroft school building is dangerous and has been condemned by the city building inspector—that if a fire should break out in the Park school the children would be trapped. These alarming statements by Dr. Holovitchner stirred the members of the school board into the most enthusiastic meeting held since the organization of the new board. Members will visit the Bancroft, Park and Mason schools today to determine real conditions.

There is a possibility that the old Bancroft and Park schools may be closed at once, although definite action on this phase of the situation has not been taken.

**Funds Needed at Once.** Robert Cowell declared that it is criminal for the members of the school board and parents to allow children to attend the Bancroft and Park schools under conditions as described, "if bonds are not carried at an early date," he said. "I would be willing to go out and raise funds for the erection of new buildings for these two schools."

It was the opinion of Frank H. Woodland that a definite building program should be formulated at once and a bond issue submitted at the forthcoming city election on May 4.

It was Dr. D. E. Jenkins, who started the firework when he reported congested conditions he found during a visit to several other schools. He said that in ten rooms which should accommodate about forty pupils each, he noticed from forty to seventy pupils. "The tremendous need of our schools today is more room for the children, rather than frills and fads. Lothrop is badly overcrowded. At Saratoga the halls are being used as school rooms. The Fort school for boys should be moved to the present Saratoga school. Now is the time to face what I believe is a substantial need of more room," Dr. Jenkins was accorded hearty applause, something unusual at a school board meeting.

Dr. Holovitchner ventured the opinion that the people will gladly vote bonds at this time if the situation is clearly and forcibly presented to them.

**Buildings Safeguarded.** With reference to safety, Superintendent E. U. Graff reported that all buildings have been equipped with automatic sprinklers on exit doors, exits have been cleared, fire drills maintained and fire escapes installed where necessary.

A large delegation of citizens from the southeast of the city urged that conditions be remedied at Bancroft school. The Bancroft district patrons want eight more rooms added to the four-room unit built a few years ago. The old Bancroft school on Ninth street, south of Bancroft street, is of brick, has twelve rooms and was erected over thirty years ago. The Park school is one of the oldest schools in use today. The first inspection trip will be started at 1:30 o'clock today.

John Kerrigan, manual training instructor at Central High school, presented President C. J. Ernel with a gavel made by the boys of his department.

The committees on buildings and grounds and instruction were empowered to install a manual training department in Lincoln school, which patrons of the school had petitioned for, to be ready for the opening of school next September.

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### MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN SLAIN

Terre Haute Family of Five Attacked While Asleep with Flat-iron and Hurts Fatal to All.

#### BABY SAFE IN PARENTS' ARMS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. March 16.—Mrs. Mary C. Balding and four of her children were attacked Sunday night as they lay asleep. Two of the children were killed, the mother died late today and two other children are so seriously injured that physicians say they cannot recover. Each of the victims was beaten on the right side of the head with a flatiron. An infant clasped in Mrs. Balding's arms was the only one in the house to escape injury. Her husband was away.

When the police entered the home after the crimes had been discovered today by a neighbor who peered through the windows, they found in the front room the lifeless body of Celeste, 9 years old, lying on the floor. On a couch in the same room were the unconscious forms of Clifford, aged 13, and Irene, aged 3, each suffering from a fractured skull.

The body of Thomas, aged 11, was discovered lying at the foot of his mother's bed in the next room. Mrs. Balding, her head crushed but still breathing, lay on the bed and in her arms rested Walter, 1-year-old, who was uninjured. Two bloodstained flatirons, the murderer's weapons, were found nearby. Police believe an insane person committed the crime.

Apartments, flats, houses and cottages can be rented quickly and cheaply by a Bee "For Rent" ad.

### NEBRASKA CLOTHIERS TO FORM AN ORGANIZATION

The retail clerks of the state are planning to organize a state association of clothiers. March 22 has been set as the date for the meeting when the organization is to be perfected. The meeting is to be held at the Fontenelle hotel, opening at 10 o'clock in the morning. The meeting is called by the National Association of Retail Clothiers. At the suggestion of a number of Omaha clothiers, members of the Associated Retailers of Omaha, J. W. Matcotte, secretary of the latter organization, is boosting for the organization. He has written out many letters of invitation to clothiers in various parts of the state and has received many favorable replies, in which the clothiers promise to come for the meeting. Among the replies already received are those from Hastings, Grand Island, Fremont, Kearney and many of the leading towns in the state.

### New Barber Shop at Merchants Hotel Open for Business

Remodeling of the Merchants hotel continues at a rapid rate and will be but a short time now until the thousands of dollars worth of improvements planned by Dan Gaines, the new proprietor, will be carried out. The new marble sanitary barber shop, in the basement, has been completed and half a dozen barbers are already at work. Charles Fanning was on hand for the first shave and Fred Burlington had the first manicure.

### YOST NAMES BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR CHURCH

Casper E. Yost has appointed the following building committee in accordance with the authority given him at the congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church Monday evening, which agreed to accept the offer of \$50,000 for the present church property and to go ahead at once with the new building at Thirty-fourth and Farnam streets: Robert Dempster, N. H. Loomis, John C. Wharton, John L. Kennedy, Walter Preston, Rev. Dr. E. H. Jenks (ex-officio), Mrs. Charles Orffut, Mrs. Charles Wilhelm.

### RETAIL CLERKS TO HOLD MEETING THIS MONTH

The first meeting of the Retail Clerks' association held in six months or more is scheduled to be held in the City National bank building on the sixteenth floor the evening of March 23. The clerks organized a few years ago, but hold meetings only on the call of the president. The meeting is called for 8:15 in the evening. The clerks give it out that they are to consider programs for social activities during the summer. John Gillispie of Thompson & Belden is president and C. F. Hopper of the Frye Shoe company is secretary.



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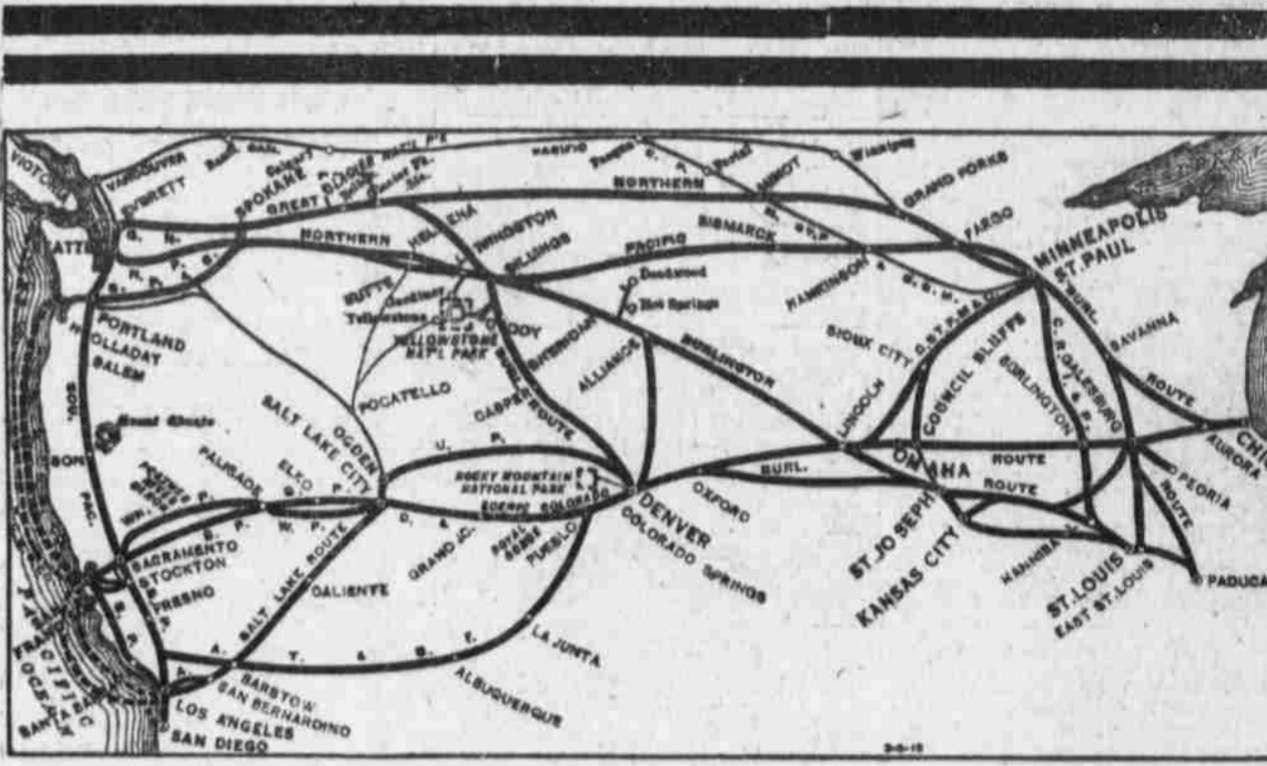
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