Omaha Livestock Men Descend on Oklahoma City

Spend Sabbath in Sooner Capital Hearing Greetings From Mayor and Dealers; Larson Preaches Sermon.

Oklahoma City, March 11.—(Special.)—Representatives of the Union Stock Yards company of Omaha, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Livestock exchange arrived here this morning and were met by a delegation from the local stockyards, headed by Mayor Mike Donnelley.

The visitors were guests throughout the day of local stockmen. A buffet dinner was served at the Wilson company plant, followed by speeches of welcome by the mayor and the president of the local stockyards company. Responses were made by Everett Buckingham, president of the Omaha Stock Yards company, and J. David Larson, commissioner of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, both of whom stated that Omaha is seeking more business from the southwest and closer relationship with southwestern markets.

During the morning the Omaha quartet sang in a local church. Commissioner Larson occupied the pulpit. With the Omahans is a delegation from Wichita en route to the Southwestern Stock Raisers' convention at El Paso.

Both delegations visited the Southwestern American Livestock show, which opened here today. The special train carrying the stockmen left Oklahoma City at 6 this evening. The party will spend tomorrow at Amarillo and will reach El Paso Tuesday morning.

Legislators Robbed in Roadhouse Holdup

Sacramento, Cal., March 11.—Sheriff's deputies were scouring the country tonight for four bandits who Saturday held up the Dreamland cofe, a roadhouse 24 miles south of the city, and robbed 30 or more patrons of the place of some thousands of dollars.

Among those in the establishment at the time were three members of the state legislature, a former member and a well-known legislative attache.

The entrance of the bandits was dramatic. Dashing from an automobile, they seized a watchman before the locked doors of the roadhouse, swung an ax against the doors and burst in on a scene of dancing and gayety. Firing a number of shots into the ceiling, they ordered all to line up against a wall. Then they looted the cash register and searched the guests and employes.

Senator From Colorado Arrives at Mayo Clinic

Rochester, Minn., March 11.—United States Senator Samuel D. Nicholson of Denver, accompanied by his private secretary, J. W. Donald, arrived at the Mayo clinic here today from Washington.

Senator Nicholson left the naval hospital at Washington, where he has been confined for several weeks, to come here for consultation. Physicians had not announced the results of their diagnosis tonight, but Mr. Donald said the senator was afflicted with abdominal trouble.

Less Than $50,000 Bogus Money Distributed by Gang

Washington, March 11.—Less than $50,000 of counterfeit currency was put into circulation by the gang of counterfeiters captured in the recent New York raid, according to W. H. Moran, chief of the United States secret service.

In a formal statement tonight, Mr. Moran expressed regret that "the splendid results achieved by the service should be so distorted in newspaper accounts" as to give the impression that large amounts of counterfeit money are in circulation.

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With the County Agents

THAYER COUNTY.

Hebron.—Thirteen farmers with more than 100 cows have enrolled in the Thayer county cow testing project. They will keep daily weights of the milk of each cow and test the milk for butterfat. Feed records will also be kept. County Agent L. C. Christie will put out a report from these each month and at the end of the year a summary will be made of each cow. The owners will know what the milk and butterfat production of each is and also the feed cost. This will make it possible to weed out all of the poor producers in the herds. The next step is to learn and practice better feeding methods, Mr. Christie says. Many cows that are now poor producers would do much better if they were fed a properly balanced dairy ration, he says. After feeding and weeding comes the breeding for higher milk production in the next generation.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Blair—Grape pruning, orchard pruning, spraying and management meetings will be held in Washington county March 13-16. These meetings will be held wherever the most interest is shown and will be conducted by Professor Hoppert of the state agricultural college.

Farm account schools will be held at four places in Washington county next week. The enrollment will be limited to 24 people at each school. Mr. Taylor of the agricultural college, will act as instructor.

OTOE COUNTY.

Syracuse.—Two home economics meetings were held in Otoe county by Miss Atwood of the state agricultural college. Her work touched on the vegetable and fruit budget in the farm home and was well received, according to A. H. DeLong, county agent.

At the farm school held in the county by E. L. Taylor of the state extension service, cost production records were discussed, questions on income tax answered, price fluctuations studied and a series of soil erosion slides, many of which were made up from projects carried out in Otoe county, shown on the screen.

Inquiries relative to the spraying of the small orchard have been received by the county agent, who has assisted several in getting practical equipment for this purpose.

DODGE COUNTY.

Fremont.—Demand for single men for farm work in the vicinity of Dodge county is on the increase with spring work only a few weeks anyway, says County Agent R. N. Houser. Salaries are ranging from $35 to $40 per month.

Mr. Houser says that the gas engine schools held last week were well attended and created considerable interest. The 60 or 65 who took part were mostly of the younger generation and 10 engines were repaired. Part of the time was devoted to lectures on ignition, timing, fuels, etc. Mr. Heiton of the state agricultural college was in charge of the work.

The addresses of Prof. N. W. Gaines of the state university on "Co-operation" and "Rural Organization," to be given in Dodge county March 16, promise to bring out a big crowd.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Blair—"Exit Ascaris," showed to full houses in Washington county last week, according to County Agent Carl A. Olsen. Many of the farmers have decided to change their hog sanitation plan to that of McLean county. A number of co-operators will try out the system of clean ground, clean water, shade and good feed this year.

An interesting poultry culling demonstration was held in the county last week, according to Mr. Olsen, Mr. Rosenbaim of Kennard was in charge.

FILLMORE COUNTY.

Geneva—During the last few months, large crowds have witnessed the semi-monthly literary programs which have been held in Fillmore county under the direction of Miss Margaret Dorland, teacher at the Martland school. The programs have consisted of debates, music and readings by both the older and the younger people, according to Lee W. Thompson, county agent. The Women's club of Martland has also sponsored several community gatherings, and are planning to give a play next week. According to Mr. Thompson, the lack of a suitable meeting place for these meetings is a drawback to their being held this summer. The interest that has been aroused is so keen that a group of those interested in community activities have arranged to consider the matter of a meeting place.

SAUNDERS COUNTY.

Wahoo—From present indications the club enrollment in Saunders county this year will far surpass any previous year, says Walter F. Roberts, county agent. A Poultry club enrollment has just been received from Mead with 23 members. The "Swedeburg Winners," pig club and "Swedeburg Cacklers" poultry club are holding meetings for the purpose of reorganizing. The "Ceresco Squellers," pig club are reorganizing with a much better membership than last year, and the "Full-O-Pep" poultry club of Wahoo is beginning to show signs of life. Several new clubs are being organized at Colon, the most promising at present being a rope club and a canning club. There are also good prospects in this community for calf, pig, poultry and sewing clubs, according to Mr. Roberts. A valuable addition to the pig clubs of the county is "Lymans Lillies" of Cedar Bluffs. This club has seven members, each raising a Chester White litter.

CASS COUNTY.

Weeping Water—Orchard and grape pruning demonstrations have been held on five farms in Cass county, according to L. R. Snipes, county agent. The demonstrations, which were conducted by Mr. Hoppert of the state extension service, were attended by 40 men and women. At another meeting, Mr. Hoppert discussed the need of green vegetables in the early spring and advocated the planting of more spinach, asparagus and other greens for the early garden. He also discussed the need of late vegetables to be stored for winter use. Mr. Hoppert will probably give several demonstrations in the fall on the storage of fruits and vegetables.

DAWSON COUNTY.

Lexington—Four communities in Dawson county are expected to have sow and litter clubs this year. The "Fairhaven" boys have organized with an enrollment of 16. The "Boosters" expect to meet at the county agent's office to reorganize. The "Ringgold" and "Woodriver Reds" clubs will also be organized. According to County Agent A. R. Hecht, many of the parents and the boys feel that the experience that they get out of the livestock judging results them many times over for joining the clubs.

A man will be in the county soon to give demonstrations on the use of picric acid. This can be used for blowing stumps, alkali holes, and in lagoons, as weel as for road work.

Clay Hill Land Makes Good Profit at Eustis

Thirty-nine bushels of sweet clover seed, 33 tons of clover hay, 10 tons of oat hay and fall pasture for 17 cows, all from 15 acres of clay hill land which cost $10 an acre in 1921, is not a discouraging 2-year return on that investment, says the agricultural college of the University of Nebraska. Frank Lehman of Eustis, Frontier county, is the farmer who received the above return.

"Mr. Lehman, acting upon advice of his country agent, plowed the thin and unproductive clay soil shallow and sowed it with 1 1-2 bushels of oats and 20 pounds of sweet clover in the spring of 1921," says the agricultural college, "He cut the oats for hay, but left enough stubble to protect the clover which grew rapidly and furnished plenty of feed for the 17 cows all fall. In 1922, he cut 12 acres of the waist high clover for hay. The 3 other acres were left for seed, but the season was good and all the field produced seed. The shattered seed will reseed the field. The soil should now be worth more than the $10 per acre which it was worth in 1921. Sweet clover certainly has its place in reclaiming old wornout soils in Nebraska."

Adams County Wheat Crop Month Ahead of Schedule

Hastings.—Warm weather of the past few days, following a half-inch of rain and some snow, has started wheat off at springlike gait, a month ahead of the usual schedule. Fields that usually are brown until the first of April are now a bright green.

As a rule, the sown wheat is the best this year. Some wheat was sown in September and the remainder, due to a long dry period, was not put in the ground until November. It is the November wheat that looks the best, the earlier planting appearing to be not more than two-thirds of a normal stand. In most years the early planting has produced the best crops.

Stanton Duroc Breeder Sells Hogs at Average of $162.50

Stanton.—Ed Kern sold 40 head of Duroc-Jersey sows at an average of $12.50. In this sale, the sows bred to the world's champion boar, Great Orion Sensation, the largest boar of the breed averaged $223. This is the second sale Mr. Kern has made this winter, his February sale averaging $220. He sold over $50,000 worth of Durocs last year. In this sale, ex-Governor Keith Neville bought a number of head for his ranch at North Platte.

Keith County Agent Will Move to Butler County

David City.—C. H. Grau, for two years county agent in Keith county, has been elected by the Farm Bureau board to succeed E. T. Winter as county agricultural agent for Butler county.

Mr. Grau is a graduate of the Nebraska college of agriculture. He will take charge of the office in David City, April 1. The program of work outlined by Mr. Winter and the board for the year will be carried out by the new officer.

Never heat more water in the kettle than you require: it only means a waste of gas.

The Farmer's Wife

By MARY ANN GRAY.

Lenten Dishes—During this season, when so many families refrain from using meat, the housewife likes to serve a variety of fish and meat substitute dishes.

Codfish With Rice and Tomatoes—Soak 1 c codfish overnight; drain, brown in fat, add 1 c. cooked rice, 1 small onion, chopped fine, and 1 c. cooked tomatoes. Add seasonings and cook.

Cheese Fondu—1 c. bread crumbs, 1½ c. milk, 1 c. grated cheese, 2 eggs, 1 t. salt, 1 t. baking powder. Beat yolks until thick; add salt, crumbs, baking powder, then put in cheese and egg whites. Place in buttered pan, set in another pan containing water and bake in moderate oven.

Egg and Potato Dish—In a baking pan arrange alternate layers of cold potatoes and hard cooked eggs cut in quarter inch slices; sprinkle with salt and pepper; nearly cover with white sauce. Sprinkle grated cheese over each layer; cover with toasted crumbs and bake until thoroughly heated.

Pea or Bean Souffle—1 cup of pea or bean pulp, 1-3 c. bread crumbs, salt and pepper to taste, 3 eggs, ½ c. milk; make the white sauce, add crumbs, pulp, beaten yolks, then the egg whites and bake until firm in moderate oven.

Cottage Cheese and Nut Roast—1 c. cottage cheese, 1 c chopped nutmeats, 1 c. bread crumbs, 2 T. chopped onion, 1 T. fat, juice of ½ lemon, salt and pepper. Cook onion in the fat and a little water until tender; mix other ingredients, moisten with the water in which onion was cooked. Pour in shallow baking dish and brown in the oven.

Salt as a Cleanser—A solution of salt and vinegar is an excellent cleanser for water jugs, vases, pitchers. Use a dessert spoonful of rough salt moistened with vinegar; put in a bottle and shake well. Then wash in warm soapsuds, rinse in warm, clear water.

Gum is removed from clothing or furniture by rubbing it gently with gasoline. The gum crumbles and then can be brushed off.

Uncle Sam Says

United States Map at Cost.

The United States geological survey is one of the largest publishers of maps. It issues maps of the most of the states, all of the national parks, and several sizes of United States maps. Two of the popular sizes of United States maps are the 18 by 28 inch size which sells for 25 cents and the 49 by 76 inch size which sells for 70 cents. Both these sizes show the state boundaries, principal rivers, and the elevations are indicated in the number of feet above sea level.

Readers of The Omaha Bee may obtain a copy of either size of these maps by addressing The Omaha Bee Information Bureau, 4035 New Hampshire avenue, Washington, D. C., and enclosing the amount in one or 2-cent stamps. Our Washington information bureau will purchase and forward the map to you. When you write, tell us how you like this service.

Hog-Feeding Contest of Iowa Bank Is Unique

Ames, Ia—Feeding a litter of pigs so that they weigh a ton at the end of 180 days, is the problem which the farm boys and girls of Winneshiek county are working on since the announcement that the Bank of Decorah will pay $150 in prizes to the boy or girl who can accomplish this feat.

The feeding contest, which is considered one of the most unusual that has ever been tried in Iowa, is backed by the bank, the county farm bureau and the extension department of Iowa State college.

Extension specialists here say that not 10 per cent of the farmers in the state can make a litter of pigs weigh a ton in six months.

A grand prize of $100 and a free trip to the International Live Stock show in Chicago has been offered to the boy or girl of the county who can make a litter weigh a ton and a half in 190 days. This offer is in addition to the original prize. This record is well above average attainment, according to extension specialists from Ames, but with good breeding and careful feeding, a large litter may attain this figure.

1,000 Horses and Mules Sold at Auction at Fairbury

Fairbury.—The biggest sale ever held in Fairbury consisted of 1,000 horses and mules sold at the Powell and Carpenter sale pavilion at auction.

Many of these had been bought from the farmers of this section of Nebraska during the past six months and fatted for this offering. Good draft horses brought as high as $150 and some mule teams brought nearly $600.

Edison in Florida.

Fort Myers, Fla., March 11.—Thomas A. Edison, accompanied by Mrs. Edison, arrived here late today to spend several weeks at their winter home. Henry Ford, the electrical wizard's neighbor, is expected here the first part of next week.

Farmers' Union Notes

The Farmers' Union Co-operative Insurance company of Nebraska is showing a more rapid growth than a year ago, Ben L. Peters, manager, announces. In January, to the increase in insurance in force was $253,179, compared with an increase of only $99,140 in January, 1922. The February increase this year was $242,74 against $186,350 last year. Charles McLean of Stanton is president of this company, and J. S. Swanson of Westerville is secretary.

Convention Is Success.

Tecumseh—"One of the best county conventions we have ever held," was the verdict of J. W. Harvey, president of the Johnson County Farmers' union, in regard to the quarterly convention of that organization held here. C. J. Osborn, state president, addressed the meeting. He stressed the importance of co-operation as a solution of farmers' problems. Local co-operative enterprises are the foundation, he said, but the greatest benefits cannot be reaped until farmers extend their co-operative activities into the terminal markets. M. H. Carman reported as county delegate to the state convention, and Clarence R. Fisher, county secretary, made his annual report. Plans were discussed for the county farmers' union picnic to be held next summer.

Will Build Elevator.

Chapman—Construction of a new 22,000-bushel elevator for the Chapman Co-operative association will begin March 15. The building will be of cribbed construction, covered with galvanized steel, and will cost $10,200. The contract calls for the completion of the plant, ready to handle grain within 75 days from the time work on the foundation is begun. The old elevator has been torn down. J. E. Blevins is secretary of the company.

Profit at Upland.

Upland—Members of the Farmers' Union company here—which operates an elevator with merchandise sidelines—were commended for their success by the auditor who compiled their annual statement for the year 1922. The turnover for the year reached $134,936.28, consisting of $119,888.26 in grain and $15,048.02 of merchandise. eNt trading profit was $1,260.06, but $567.10 of dividends for 1921 paid in excess of earnings for that year had to be deducted from this trading profit, leaving a net profit of $692.96. The good financial condition of the company is shown by the fact that with a paid-up capital of $18,650, the net worth is $17,465.19. Carl Shaffer and Harvey Smith are president and secretary, respectively, and Robert Reisel is manager.

Osborn Is Speaker.

Schuyler—A meeting of Grandview local of the farmers' union northeast of this place was addressed by C. J. Osborn, state president of the organization, and Ben L. Peters, manager of the farmers' Union Insurance company. Because of the bad condition of the roads, only about 50 persons were present. Plans have been made for a series of farmers' union meetings in Colfax county in the week of March 19, to be addressed by State President Osborn.

Hold Quarterly Meeting.

Millard—Sixty delegates and members attended the quarterly convention of the Douglas County Farmers union. A free lunch was served at noon by the women of Willowdale local. Prof. George R. Boomer of the extension department of the state agricultural college gave the principal address of the day. He spoke on rural organization and co-operation. The convention voted to hold the June meeting in Wodman hall on the Dodge street road west of Omaha. Otto Pheiffer of Elkhorn is president of the county organization and John Lobbert of Benson is secretary.

Midland College School.

Midland's placement bureau is getting into full swing. Applications and recommendations are being filed and sent out to schools who are desirous of securing teachers for next year. By the end of summer school, there will probably be about 100 students who will have filed their records to secure positions for next year and judging from the requests being received they will also secure positions.

The "M" club celebrated their annual banquet at the Hotel Pathfinder on Tuesday. Ross Elliott, captain of the 1922 football team, was the toastmaster, the toasts being derived from "Champs." Coach Wynne was presented with a beautiful white-gold knife and chain as a token of appreciation from the "M" club. A number of former Midland letter men were present, among them Rev. Ralph Livers of Hooper, and William Miller, president of the alumni association of Rising city.

Twenty men were awarded M sweaters in chapel Tuesday for their work on the football gridiron last fall.

Dr. Ernst Kletsche, who is at present at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, being treated for the injury received in his eye in an automobile accident, is getting along as well as can be expected and will return to Fremont this week.

University of Nebraska.

Bids for the construction of the Memorial stadium may be asked for by the building committee the first of next week. The architects are rapidly completing the plans and specifications. Construction will begin soon after the filing of bids. About 75,000 cubic yards of dirt will have to be moved preliminary to erecting the building. The spur track being built to the site of the stadium will have to be completed before extensive operations can be carried on.

Twelve hundred and ninety students, carrying 5,440 hours, have completed, since 1909, correspondence courses in the university extension division. This is about one-third of the number registered. The division offers 109 courses. "How to Use Terman's Group Tests of Mentality," by Dr. Charles Fordyce of the department of measurements and research, Teachers college, is the subject of the latest issue of the university extension news.

Timber of Indians Important Source of Future Supply

Forests in North and West Valued at $130,000,000—Per Capita Worth Estimated at $430.

Washington, March 11.—The attention of lumbermen and timber conservationists has been directed to the importance of the Indian forests as factors in the present and future lumber supply of the United States by the recent sales of great quantities of timber by the Indian service of the Department of the Interior, according to a statement by the research department of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association.

The Indians own, individually and tribally, at least 7,000,000 acres of forests of commercial importance in 15 states. The principal Indian forests, whose combined area, the department points out, covers an extent equal to Massachusetts and Connecticut, are situated in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, Wisconsin, California, Idaho and Minnesota. These forests contain 35,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber worth $100,000,000.

The value of young growth, adding $30,000,000 to this figure, fixes the per capita forest wealth of the American Indians at $430 if it were distributed among all of them. This, the research department points out, helps to establish the Indian as the wealthiest race in the world, since, with forests and other property, the per capita holdings total $2,400 as compared with $2,000 for white persons. The forest wealth alone of the Klamaths in southern Oregon is placed at $25,000.

For the last 10 years the gross returns to the Indians from their timber have averaged more than $1,500,000 and are expected soon to reach $2,000,000. More than 90 per cent of these returns are net, since the administrative expense is less than 10 per cent.

Whereabouts of Virden Priest Still Mystery

Virden, Ill., March 11.—(AP.)—The whereabouts of the Rev. Father Vraniak of Virden, who disappeared Monday in St. Louis, still remained a mystery tonight. His brother, Joseph, believes him to be alive but has no positive assurance.

In a statement this afternoon, Joseph Vraniak said he thought the priest had been kidnaped and was being held a prisoner by "an organization." He explained tonight that he based his belief on a supposition as he had no direct information.

The last heard of Father Vraniak was in St. Louis Monday afternoon, when he left a note for Father Linek, pastor of the Slovak church. This note merely expressed regret of the priest at not being able to see Father Linek as he had not time to stay.

Assistant to Hoover Quits to Head Oil Corporation

Washington, March 11.—Claudius H. Huston, assistant secretary of commerce, has resigned to become president of the World Commerce corporation, a new oil company in process of organization, which will operate in South and Central America. His salary will be $100,000 a year.

"Mr. Huston has resigned as assistant secretary to accept a very important position," said a statement issued by Secretary Hoover. "At the time he was invited to take the assistant secretaryship he stated that he could not neglect his private affairs for more than two years in public service. It is indeed with great regret on the part of the whole administration that he finds it necessary to return to business. No arrangement has yet been made with regard to his successor."

Maine Representative to Study Soviet Government

Washington, March 11.—On the invitation of the soviet government, Representative Carroll L. Beedy of Maine will make an extended tour of Russia to observe the workings of the soviet government and to study conditions existing under the regime. Representative Beedy will sail from New York March 17 and arrive in Petrograd by May 1.

A similar invitation was extended some time ago to Senator Borah of Idaho, but it is understood he is unable to make the trip at this time. So far as is known Representative Beedy is the only member of congress that has been asked to make the tour.

Two Hurt by Explosion.

Ashland, Va., March 11.—EE. V. Bass, engineer, and H. W. Maher, fireman, were probably fatally injured and passengers on local train No. 29 of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac railroad were severely shaken up tonight when the boiler of the locomotive drawing the train exploded about 15 miles north of Ashland.

Time Set Back 5 Years for Washington Convict Following Operation

Walla Walla, Wash., March 11.—Time rolled back five years for Joe Straghan, a convict at the state penitentiary here, when he regained consciousness today from a skull operation and picked up the thread of his existence with memory events at Camp Fremont, Cal., in 1918. Straghan, sent to the penitentiary from Spokane on a statutory charge several months ago, was operated on by prison physicians Friday to relieve epileptic seizures to which he had been subject. They discovered that a fragment of his skull had become lodged in the brain covering, causing a pressure.

Five years ago Straghan's skull was fractured when hospital attendants dropped him from a stretcher while removing the patients during a fire. When he recovered consciousness today after his most recent operation his first words were:

"I hope they don't punish the boys. They didn't mean to drop me. Is the fire over?"

ONE OF OURS

By WILLA CATHER.

(Continued From Saturday.)

SYNOPSIS.

Claude Wheeler, living on a Nebraska ranch with his parents and a younger brother, Ralph returns unwillingly to Temple college, the small denominational school he has been attending. He requested to be allowed to attend the state university, but his mother objected because she believes the boy will be in better environment in the smaller institution. The father, Nat Wheeler, is a jolly, easy going man whose jokes rather jar on Claude's sensibilities. An older brother, Bayliss, runs an implement store at Frankfort, near which the Wheeler ranch is located. On his way home for the Christmas holidays, Claude reflects on two fortunate things which have happened to him in the last three months. One of these is his enrollment in a special European history class under a state university professor. Then, after a practice game between the Temple and state university elevens, in which Claude distinguishes himself, Julius Erlich, quarterback for the university team, invites Claude to his home for supper.

They had not walked more than two blocks from the armory when Julius turned in at a rambling wooden house with an unfenced, terraced lawn. He led Claude around to the wing, and through a glass door into a big room that was all windows on three sides, above the wainscoating. The room was full of boys and young men, seated on long divans or perched on the arms of easy chairs, and they were all talking at once. On one of the couches a young man in a smoking jacket lay reading as composedly as if he were alone.

"Five of these are my brothers," said his host, "and the rest are friends."

The company recognized Claude and included him in their talk about the game. When the visitors had gone, Julius introduced his brothers. They were all nice boys, Claude thought, and had easy, agreeable manners. The three older ones were in business, but they, too, had been to the game that afternoon. Claude had never before seen brothers who were so outspoken and frank with one another. To him they were very cordial; the one who was lying down came forward to shake hands, keeping the place in his book with his finger.

On a table in the middle of the room were pipes and boxes of tobacco, cigars in a glass jar, and a big Chinese bowl full of cigaret. This provisionment seemed the more remarkable to Claude because at home he had to smoke in the cowshed. The number of books astonished him almost as much; the wainscoting all around the room was built up in open bookcases, stuffed with volumes fat and thin, and they all looked interesting and hard-used. One of the brothers had been to a party the night before, and on coming home had put his dress tie about the neck of a little plaster of Byron that stood on the mantel. This head, with a tie at a rakish angle, drew Claude's attention more than anything else in the room, and for some reason instantly made him wish he lived there.

Julius brought in his mother, and when they went to supper Claude was seated beside her at one end of the long table. Mrs. Erlich seemed to him very young to be the head of such a family. Her hair was still brown, and she wore it drawn over her ears and twisted in two little horns, like the ladies in old daguerreotypes. Her face, too, suggested a daguerreotype; there was something old fashioned and picturesque about it. Her skin had the soft whitness of white flowers that have been drenched by rain. She talked with quick gestures, and her decided little nod was quaint and very personal. Her hazel colored eyes peered expectantly over her nose, always watching to see things turn out wonderfully well; always looking for some good German fairy in the cupboard or the cake box, or in the steaming vapor of washday.

The boys were discussing an engagement that had just been announced, and Mrs. Erlich began to tell Claude a long story about how this brilliant young man had come to Lincoln and met this beautiful young girl, who was already engaged to a cold and academic youth, and how after many heart burnings the beautiful girl had broken with the wrong man and become betrothed to the right one, and how they were so happy—and every one, she asked Claude to believe, was equally happy! In the middle of her narrative Julius reminded her smilingly that since Claude didn't know these people, he would hardly be interested in their romance, but she merely looked at him over her nose glasses and said, "And is that so, Herr Julius?" One could see that she was a match for them.

The conversation went racing from one thing to another. The brothers began to argue hotly about a new girl who was visiting in town; whether she was pretty, how pretty she was, whether she was naive. To Claude this was like talk in a play. He had never heard a living person discussed and analyzed thus before. He had never heard a family talk so much, or with anything like so much zest. Here there was none of the poisonous reticence he had always associated with family gatherings, nor the awkwardness of people sitting with hands in their lap, facing each other, each one guarding his secret or his suspicion, while he hunted for a safe subject to talk about. Their fertility of phrase, too astonished him; how could people find so much to say about one girl? To be sure, a good deal of it sounded far fetched to him, but he sadly admitted that in such matters he was no judge.

When they went back to the living room Julius began to pick out airs on his guitar, and the bearded brother sat down to read. Otto, the youngest, seeing a group of students passing the house, ran out on to the lawn and called them in—two boys, and a girl with red cheeks and a fur stole. Claude had made for a corner, and was perfectly content to be an onlooker, but Mrs. Erlich soon came and seated herself beside him. When the doors into the parlor were opened, she noticed his eyes straying to an engraving of Napoleon which hung over the piano, and made him go and look at it. She told him it was a rare engraving, and she showed him a portrait of her great-grandfather, who was an officer in Napoleon's army. To explain how this came about was a long story.

As she talked to Claude, Mrs. Erlich discovered that his eyes were not really pale, but only looked so because of his light lashes. They could say a great deal when they looked squarely into hers, and she liked what they said. She soon found out that he was discontented; how he hated the Temple school, and why his mother wished him to go there.

When the three who had been called in from the sidewalk took their leave, Claude rose also. They were evidently familiars of the house, and their careless exit, with a gay "Good night, everybody!" gave him no practical suggestion as to what he ought to say or how he was to get out. Julius made things more difficult by telling him to sit down, as it wasn't time to go yet. But Mrs. Erlich said it was time; he would have a long ride out to Temple Place.

It was really very easy. She walked to the door with him and gave him his hat, patting his arm in a final way. "You will come often to see us. We are going to be friends." Her forehead, with its neat curtains of brown hair, came something below Claude's chin, and she peered up at him with that quaintly hopeful expression, as if—as if even he might turn out wonderfully well! Certainly, nobody had ever looked at him like that before.

"It's been lovely," he murmured to her, quite without embarrassment, and in happy unconsciousness he turned the knob and passed out through the glass door.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

Bride of Young Vanderbilt, Ill With Diphtheria, Better

Portsmouth, R. I., March 11.—The condition of Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, who is ill with diphtheria at Sandy Point Farm, her husband's estate here, was reported by her physician tonight as "improved." Mrs. Vanderbilt, formerly Miss Gloria Morgan, 18, daughter of Harry Hays Morgan, American consul general at Brussels, is a bride of four days.

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Catholic School Will Be Launched at Fairbury

Fairbury—Plans are completed for a Catholic school with four departments, where instruction will be offered from the primary school up to and including the eighth grades. The building will be of brick, 57x63 feet, two stories. The second story will be divided for four classrooms, and the lower part will be used for a gymnasium.

R. W. McHale, a Fairbury contractor, has been awarded the contract. The school building will cost about $40,000.

The Goodrich home, one of the most beautiful homes in Fairbury, located near the school site, has been purchased for a home for the sisters and a receiving home for pupils.

Three Men Tried for Riot Acquitted by Oregon Jury

Medford, Ore., March 11.—Howard A. Hill, Dr. Jouett Bray and Jesse F. Hittson, accused of riot in connection with the kidnaping episode of which J. F. Hale swore he was the victim, were acquitted by a jury in superior court late Saturday.

The jury returned its verdict after being out 45 minutes, having taken only one ballot.

The case was the most sensational, longest and one of the hardest fought in this section.

Sixteen others were indicted as "John Does" along with Bray, Hittson and Hill for alleged participation in the Hale incident but they have not been apprehended nor has their identity been revealed by the district attorney's office.

Oil Gusher in Arkansas Is Threatened by Fire

Eldorado, Ark., March 11.—Fear is expressed that the big Burton gusher in section 28, 20 miles to the north of here, which blew connections off this morning, will catch fire. The master valve was torn from the casing by the pressure and the derrick has been blown from over the hole.

It is hoped that the well will sand itself over of its own accord. Unless this occurs thousands of barrels of oil will be wasted before engineers can design means of capping the gusher.

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