

LEAP YEAR CLUB SESSION

Girls Discuss the Hiring of, and Paying For Cabs.

GIRLS WHO GO AWAY TO SCHOOL

One of Them Thinks More Board Bills and Laundry Bills Would be Paid, if the Girls Didn't Set Such a Merry Clip for Young Men.

[From Saturday's Daily.] During the past week, two or three girls who belong to the Leap Year club have run up against the proposition of hiring cabs whenever they want to go to a party or a theater or anything else which pertains to things social, after the streets are darkened at night and the gas lights are lit to take away a portion of that darkness.

The manner in which the cab bills have struck their purses, and the seeming insistence upon the part of their gentleman friends, that cabs should be taken, has had its effect upon the serious side of the minds of the maids, and it was this subject, for a little while at the beginning, which occupied their attention and their discourse during the meeting that was held in the secret hallway last night.

Economical Ella. Economical Ella started the fireworks with a story of her experience in the regard of cabs. "I went to a little informal dancing party during the week," explained Ella, when the girls wanted to know what kick she had coming on the conditions which seem to unfortunately prevail. "The party was five blocks away from the home of my partner. I should have walked, of course, under ordinary circumstances. I couldn't see the sense in paying cab fares at midnight rates for such an idiotic little function. But Ostentatious Ora, who lives just across the street from my house—and who always did want to lead in everything that went on, anyway—Ostentatious (as we call her for short) thought that she would make a hit with the man she had invited, so she ordered a cab. Now nobody likes to seem cheap. I'm built—I don't know about the rest of you girls—but I'm built upon the plan which makes it hard to be subordinated to anyone else. When I go places and put on style, I like to do it in the way with the rest of them. Nobody likes to take a rear chair, you know.

"It was one of those beautiful, moonlight, balmy evenings when you'd rather walk than ride, anyway, but just to be as good as the others, who wanted to be better than the rest, the whole blooming bunch hired cabs.

"The rules of this club"—Economical Ella transferred her weight from the left foot to the right—"allow the members \$15 per week for rushing. I find that \$15 a week, in going all of the time as we are obliged to do in competing for the scarce layout of men that Norfolk provides, looks like several simoleons to the bad before the week has half gone glimmering. I should like to have the club pass a resolution encouraging the elimination of cabs from our bills of fare except when the weather is very, very bad or when the distance is so great that we couldn't walk with any degree of comfort, at all."

Said Fashionable Fannie—who prides herself upon the fact that she has spent a year in boarding school and another year at the state university, where she joined a sorority and went, she claims to a dance or two—"Miss President, I should heartily veto such a measure. I insist that I shall veto it when the time comes to ballasting. After we have ridden for so long, you know, it would be so hard to break off that habit of hacks. It may be a luxury. Indeed, I presume it is. For the matter of that, my dear, this society is a luxury at best. We could get on, you know, without the social affairs which have become a habit in Norfolk. Some of the people do all of the time. But having lived for one ecstatic season in the swirl of society's pleasures, it would be almost asking too much to give it all up. When I was at boarding school, they used to give dances every little while, and we always had escorts and cabs. That is, we always had escorts when the affairs were planned by the faculty. In boarding school they do a good many things that the faculty never gets next to. And when I was in the university—I belonged, girls, to a sorority there you know—the boys never, never thought of taking us anywhere without hiring cabs. A man who would have attempted to do that would have been ostracized from the elect circles of the school. Sometimes they had cabs for the theater when it was only half a block away. And besides that we always had swell dinners after the parties were over. If they get out on \$10 for one party they think they are doing pretty well, so our limit of \$15 weekly seems pretty small after all."

Nora Tells a Thing or Two. "In connection with the subject of cabs at the university," interrupted Knowing Nora, who has a thing or two in her mind about whatever is under discussion, "I might make a couple or three remarks. A good many of the girls who go down to the state university at Lincoln to school, have never seen the likes of a cab or

a street car or a tall building until they arrive. Someone has to tell them that they have arrived. At home they have been glad enough to wade to the high school parties in snowdrifts, or in some cases have been tickled to death to get a ride in a lumber wagon or hay rack. They get away to school, though, and they suddenly assume airs that they have never known before. They even forget their old friends at home after the first few weeks. Perhaps they write for a time or two, but it isn't long until their interests are centered in their elevated surroundings. And while their poor old mothers at home are making untold sacrifices in the matters of dress and of pleasures at large, giving up this, that and the other in order that the daughter may get an education, the young lady, utterly without regard for anyone save her own selfish self, drains the parental purse for all that she can touch and spends the hard earned cash on the new gowns that are needed for every party that comes along, and in getting into the current which is a little bit swifter than she ever had heard of before.

The Girl Who Goes Away. "Now all of that is correct enough if the girl can afford it. But that is not all. Having once assumed the atmosphere of her new circle, she begins to demand things from those about her which she hardly knows how to use. She begins to demand flowers and candies and other similar luxuries from the young men in the place, who are equally as poor as she is herself. And then she insists upon the cabs for parties of every type—makes the poor man bring a carriage to haul her around the corner to a musical recital. And that is what I do not think is just exactly justified. And for that same reason, now that we have assumed the aggressive end of this campaign business, I am going to walk, even though it is in a blizzard, just to assert my independence. I don't believe in doing things which are absolutely unnecessary, just for the sake of keeping up with the other fellow. 'Do as much as you can do easily,' says I, 'and let the other fellow go.'"

"Perhaps my friend Nora would refuse to ride in a carriage if she were away at school and should have a chance to do so," suggested Fashionable Fannie, with a very delicate but nevertheless perceptible sneer.

Would Refuse Favors. "You're just right I would," replied the Knowing One. "And just there lies the secret of it all. If the girls of any community will use their common sense, they can regulate the affairs pretty acceptably. And if they choose, they can make menials of the men in less time than it takes to tell it. Girls when they try to do the right thing, are the nicest things in all of the world; but girls when they get silly, are enough to drive any man to drink and it's a wonder there are so few drinking men, after all, with the variety that is spread around. If there's anything I can't stand for, it's one of these 'working girls.' It is one of these girls who is always trying to get things from the people that she meets. It strikes me as showing a mighty contemptible principle in a girl, to take things just because they are offered. There is such a thing, you know, as riding a free horse to death. And I should like to wager—if leap year will allow a girl to wager and do it respectably—that the young men who pay for those cabs don't think any more of the girls because the girls happen to ride in them. How much more sensible it would be if those young women, as leaders in a good cause, would get together on ordinary informal affairs and say, 'You needn't mind the cabs, boys. We'll have a better time without them.' How much more commendable would that attitude seem than this of taking them because they are offered! And I should like to venture, too that there would be a good many more laundry bills and board bills and rooming bills squared up the first of every month, and without nearly so many cases of visiting their 'uncles' if the boys could live in the so-called select circles without going beyond their means. Girls are the most potent factors for reform in all the world, when they use their power in the right direction, and they are the greatest causes, too, for the ruin of men, when they fail to maintain the dignity and the responsibility which by virtue of their winning ways, belongs to them. I have never been away to school. I should like to go. But if I ever did go, I think I should make it a point to make myself a better woman rather than to develop the frivolous features of my disposition and to tell, when I had come back, what 'we used to do when I was in school.'"

The Motion Lost. "I should like to move," said Knowing Carrie, "that we adopt a rule which shall prohibit any of our members from hiring cabs foolishly, and which, after this important year is done, shall prohibit any member of the club from riding in a carriage when it isn't necessary."

The motion was put to a vote. They were only girls, after all. The last part of the motion was a little strong and the 'ayes' were losers out.

A Smooth Letter. The following letter was read: Des Moines, Ia., March 9.—To The Young Ladies of the Leap Year Club: It was with infinite pleasure I read in the papers of the formation of your club, with objects so laudable in your

sight of man, particularly the timid ones as per myself. I am constrained, after much hesitation and palpitation of the heart, to second your initiative and submit myself as one who, while having been slightly wounded by the mischievous archer of all times, have nevertheless unwillingly survived the said wounds. I am inclined to believe that his target was not one of marble but that 'the other fellow' has been too much in evidence—the base and unscrupulous rival with his miserable slogan, "All is fair in love and war," was carried off the laurels, and incidentally the girl, with much ringing of bells, chunks of rice, bunches of old shoes and eclat, thereby destroying the peace and happiness of your correspondent, the humbly undersigned.

"And now there arises in the distance a new order of things, the balm of girlhood, a vision of Paradise, the hope of shattered fortunes and fair hopes regained: "The Young Ladies Leap Year Club of Norfolk."

Ladies, permit me in my best dress suit, a carnation on my left lapel; in patent leather shoes, gloves in one hand and my lid in the other, wearing the smile that never comes off, to salute you.

And as I step on the arena of your attention with \$15 in my inside pocket and Mendelssohn's ringing in my soul and fond hopes of avenging the inaccuracy of the aim of Cupid and his dart in troublous times of yore, permit me, fair ladies (and no country has fairer ladies than the women of Nebraska) to introduce myself, a bachelor of 37, a drummer, for your consideration, promising anything and everything except to saw wood, make fires and a few other little matters, as a fit subject, as a candidate more than willing to be initiated into the mysteries of matrimony. I am! Hopefully yours, Walter S. Neiser.

Permanent address: Walter S. Neiser, Karchab hotel, Omaha.

No Drummer. "Now doesn't that sound too good to be true!" exclaimed Innocent Emma. "Think of that dress suit!"

"I like the idea of that smile that never wears off," remarked Amiable Amy. "If these men who are so taken up with their business affairs that they get grouchy and lose all semblance of sociability, could adopt one of those happy smiles for about a year, the world would be pleasanter to live in. That would be a real leap year, now wouldn't it?" And they confessed that it would.

"You can never rely upon a drummer," suggested the president. "They will promise anything and everything in order to sell their goods. Let us steer shy."

Democratic City Convention. The democratic electors of Norfolk city and school district are hereby requested to send delegates from the several wards in said city to meet in convention at the city hall on Tuesday evening, March 15, 1904, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the various city and school district offices, viz:

- One mayor.
- One clerk.
- One treasurer.
- One police judge.
- One city engineer.
- Two members of board of education.

And it is hereby recommended that meetings be held for the various wards on Monday evening, March 14, 1904, for the purpose of electing delegates to said city convention and for the purpose of placing in nomination one councilman from each city ward.

It is further recommended that the voting at the several ward meetings be done by ballot and that the polls be held open from 8 to 9 o'clock of said evening. The representation as based upon the vote cast for Daniel J. Koenigstein in 1902, will be as follows:

- 1st ward, 8 delegates.
- 2nd ward, 9 delegates.
- 3rd ward, 7 delegates.
- 4th ward, 6 delegates.

Proinct, 8 delegates to nominate members of school board.

It is also recommended that the electors of the school district outside of the city wards hold a meeting and send delegates to the city convention.

John H. Hulff, Chairman Democratic City Central Committee.

Herman Winter, Secretary.

Ward caucuses are hereby called in conformity to the above recommendation by the several ward committees as follows:

- First ward—Meeting at city hall, March 14, at 7:30 p. m.
- Herman Winter, Chairman.
- Second ward—Meeting at city hall, March 14, at 7:30 p. m.
- H. C. Matrau, Chairman.
- Third ward—Meeting at city hall, March 14, at 7:30 p. m.
- John H. Hulff, Chairman.
- Fourth ward—Meeting at Roland's store, March 14, at 7:30 p. m.
- Fred Koerber, Chairman.

E. J. Burkett's boom for senatorial honor is said to be a very fine appearing affair. And well it may be for he is young, able and politically clean. If we could have such men as Burkett in all our positions of trust all would be well. The Advocate editor has had the pleasure of Mr. Burkett's personal acquaintance ever since he was a country school teacher.—Spencer Advocate.

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DARK CRIME AT SCRIBNER

Miss Eva Rich is Victim of Hellish Fiends.

BOUND AND GAGGED NEAR HOME

The Pretty, Petite Young Girl, Daughter of Highly Respected Family, is Made the Victim of a Brutal Crime at Night.

[From Friday's Daily.] Scribner, Neb., March 11.—Eva Rich, a young woman of twenty years, daughter of a prominent citizen, was the victim of a criminal assault made upon her during the night by three men whose names are unknown.

Miss Rich is pretty and petite. Last evening she left home to visit with her brother, who lived some distance from the parental home. Shortly before 9 o'clock she bade the members of her brother's family good night and started home.

When within a hundred yards of her father's residence she was set upon by three men, who gagged and held her, while each in turn violated her person. Then they tied the gag still tighter, and with binding twine tied fast her arms and legs so that she was unable to walk or loose herself.

For two hours the girl lay senseless in the road. When she recovered consciousness it was close to midnight. In her terror and distress she sought to cry out and to tear loose the bonds that held her, but she found herself unable to do so. Forced to the only alternative left she painfully crawled the hundred yards between the scene of the assault and her home, and beating upon the door with her bound hands she secured speedy help.

Physicians were at once called and they have been laboring with her ever since. She is in a pitiable condition, physically and mentally. So far she has been unable to tell much about the assault. Only the fact that there were three men in the party has so far been gleaned from her. No description of them has been obtained, but the bloodhounds at Beatrice were sent for and every citizen constituted himself a member of a posse to hunt down the guilty men. Public indignation is running high, and there will be a lynching if the right men are apprehended.

The girl's body and the scene of the crime are mute evidence that she made a desperate although futile struggle to preserve her honor. Her clothing was almost torn from her body and her person is covered with bruises. The doctors express no definite opinion as to her condition, as the mental shock is great.

The girl is twenty years old, and the daughter of Van Rich, an old resident and respected citizen. The sheriff at Fremont is here and investigating the slender clues left.

WILL INSPECT GUARDSMEN

General Culver Has Designated Dates for Scrutiny of Companies.

[From Saturday's Daily.] General Culver has issued general order No. 5, designating the dates of the annual inspection of the Nebraska national guard as provided for by the Dick bill. The inspection will be conducted by General A. S. Dagggett, under order of the war department and will begin March 11. Field and staff officers will report to the inspecting officer at their home stations. Upon the result of this inspection is based the appropriation made by the war department for the support of the guard. Following are the dates on which the several organizations will be inspected:

- March 11—Hospital corps, Lincoln, 7 p. m.
- March 11—Company F, Second regiment, Lincoln, 8 p. m.
- March 14—Company L, First regiment, Omaha, 7 p. m.
- March 14—Company G, Second regiment, Omaha, 8 p. m.
- March 15—Cavalry troop, South Omaha, 7 p. m.
- March 15—Company I, Second regiment, Omaha, 8 p. m.
- March 16—Company C, Second regiment, Nebraska City, 8 p. m.
- March 17—Company D, First regiment, Weeping Water, 8 p. m.
- March 18—Company E, First regiment, Wilber, 8 p. m.
- March 19—Company C, First regiment, Beatrice, 8 p. m.
- March 21—Battery A, Wymore, 8 p. m.
- March 22—Company D, Second regiment, Fairbury, 8 p. m.
- March 22—Headquarters Second regiment, Fairbury, 4 p. m.
- March 23—Company H, First regiment, Nelson, 8 p. m.
- March 24—Company G, First regiment, Geneva, 8 p. m.
- March 25—Company A, First regiment, York, 8 p. m.
- March 25—Company H, Second regiment, Aurora, 8 p. m.
- March 28—Troop A, Seward 3 p. m.
- March 29—Company I, First regiment, Wahoo, 8 p. m.
- March 30—Company L, Second regiment, Norfolk, 8 p. m.
- March 31—Company F, First regiment, Madison, 8 p. m.
- April 1—Company M, Second regiment, Abilon, 8 p. m.
- April 2—Company K, First regiment, Columbus, 8 p. m.

- April 4—Company K, Second regiment, Tekamah, 8 p. m.
- April 11—"West Point Rifles," West Point, 8 p. m.
- April 12—Company B, First regiment, Stanton, 8 p. m.
- April 13—Company B, Second regiment, Schuyler, 8 p. m.
- April 5—Company B, Second regiment, St. Paul, 8 p. m.
- April 6—Company M, First regiment, Broken Bow, 8 p. m.
- April 6—Headquarters First regiment, Broken Bow, 4 p. m.
- April 7—Company A, Second regiment, Kearney, 8 p. m.
- April 8—Signal corps, Fremont, 8 p. m.

DISCUSS OTHER COMMANDMENTS

Profanity, Sabbath Breaking and Murder Talked on by Evangelist.

[From Friday's Daily.] The second sermon in the series on the Ten Commandments began last evening with the consideration of the third law, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain."

"Of all the foolish and inexcusable sins, the most foolish and inexcusable is the sin of blasphemy. It shows a man has no respect for himself, no respect for his hearers, and no respect for God. No respect for himself that he thinks his words will not be believed unless he emphasizes them with an oath; no respect for his hearers that they will regard his words of more weight if he drags down the name of God in blasphemy. If a man would handle the name of his pure wife or mother as common property among men even the lowest and vilest would turn from him in disgust; how much blacker the shame to defile a far purer and holier name—the name of Jesus Christ, the King of Kings."

Regarding Sabbath breaking the speaker spoke some strong words. "This commandment has two parts. 'Six days shalt thou labor.' There is no place in God's economy for a lazy man. 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' God knew what he was about when he ordered one day in seven for spiritual service."

Concerning the sixth commandment, among other things the evangelist said, "You may say you have no murderers here in Norfolk, so you might pass this law by. But there are other ways to kill than simply by the pistol and knife. Many are committing suicide physically by vicious habits, intellectually by pernicious reading, morally by evil companions and spiritually by neglect of the Bible and prayer."

This evening Mr. Lyon will speak on impurity, slander and business dishonesty. An especial invitation is extended to men.

LOCK-JAW PROVES FATAL

Deadly Disease Kills Merle Drebert of Pierce.

VACCINATION IS HELD FOR IT

Is Thought but Not Definitely Known That Vaccine Virus Has Caused the Terrible Tetanus Which Took the Pierce Lad's Life.

[From Friday's Daily.] Pierce, Neb., March 11.—Special to The News: Merle Drebert, son of John Drebert who lives near this place, died in an Omaha hospital last night after two weeks of suffering from lock jaw. He was taken to Omaha just two weeks ago today and was thought for a time to be getting better, but the eddy disease, which had got a firm hold upon the victim, brought death after its course had been allowed to run.

The cause of the lock-jaw is not definitely known, but it is thought to have resulted from vaccination. This has not been definitely stated by the physicians, but the scratch in his arm which was made for the prevention of small-pox, is thought by some to be responsible for the fatal grip of tetanus. He had been feeling ill for a few days before he was taken to Omaha. Suddenly his jaw set and he was rushed to a hospital where the best of care could be given.

During the illness, the patient relaxed at one time and the greatest of hope was held for his recovery. Tetanic serum was administered without avail.

The remains will be brought to Pierce Saturday afternoon and the funeral will be held on Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL LEGISLATURE.

Classes Have Been Organized to Study the Making of Laws.

The physics class of the high school have organized themselves into a legislature with Superintendent O'Connor, teacher of the class, acting in the capacity of governor. The Latin class is the senate and the class in English is the house of representatives. The passing of bills, making of laws and other legislative business is enacted, and the work is proving very instructive and interesting. "Legislators" have just at present introduced some bills which they fear will be vetoed by the "governor," having a bearing upon the school work.

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