

SOCIETY SEES ONE HAVEN

Saturday Musicals Reveal Local Smart Set from Absolute Dullness

OUTDOOR CLUB SEASON NOW LOOMS UP

Plans for Improvement at Country and Field Clubs Gives Rise to Hopes for Busy Social Season at Each Place.

The Lenten musicale is the one occasion of the week that is at all satisfactory nowadays—that is, of course, outside of the private affairs, and the woman who had the forethought to possess herself of a season ticket is immensely proud of her judgment and equally grateful to those who devised the plan. Yesterday afternoon's musicale was easily the smartest affair of the week, for the excessive quiet of things otherwise enhances its interest and insures attendance.

The presence of a few visiting women, whose stay is not to be prolonged until after Easter, has saved the week from being absolutely tiresome and occasioned a list of given-in-honor affairs that have kept these women at least occupied a good share of the time and that promise to help out the present week's calendar.

On Monday Mrs. W. P. Mikse will entertain the Hanson Park Sewing circle of the Visiting Nurses' association. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Robertson will entertain the members of the Boston Card club. Of course, there will be the dinner at the Omaha club in the evening.

On Tuesday Mrs. Arthur Crittenden Smith entertains the Tuesday morning musicale. Mr. and Mrs. H. Thompson entertain the Thorberg Card club. The Mystic club meets with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Haight.

On Wednesday Mrs. John Wagner and Mrs. Ray Wagner give a euchre party at the home of the latter. Miss Hoagland gives a dinner for Miss Ford of Central City. Mrs. Ward Burgess will be hostess of the Cooking club luncheon. The Strollers will be entertained by Mrs. Hahn. Mrs. F. S. Loomis gives a luncheon in compliment to Mrs. Charles Tracy. The Woman's alliance gives its annual banquet at Unity church.

On Thursday Mrs. Herman Koutze entertains the Creche luncheon. On Friday the Woman's alliance will give a dancing party at Metropolitan club. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Olson entertain the Hanson Park Card club.

On Saturday the Lenten musicale will be held at the Lingerer art gallery. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ewing entertain the Harmony club. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bryson entertain the Neighborhood Card club. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Palmister a card club.

Almost simultaneous with the announcement that the Monday evening dinners at the Omaha club are to be suspended after March 23, come announcements concerning the season's plans for the three clubs where the local fashionables spend the other half of their time, the Country club, the Field club and the Boat club, at Manawa, so that it will not be long that society will be without club privileges. The decision of the board of directors of the Country club to make the much needed addition to the dining room is welcome indeed. The porch at the southwest side is to be enlarged eighteen feet and included; this addition, with the hall, making possible the comfortable seating of at least 175 guests at the Saturday evening table d'hôte dinner. Authority has been given the tournament committee to prohibit playing on the links until the frost is out of its ground. At the Field club this year the club will be under the direct management of the club. Considerable improvement is to be added to the building, chief among which is the buffet which is to be built at the east end of the house and which is to be an ample affair. The place formerly occupied by the buffet will be used for a lounge, room and steps will be built to the casino opposite the leading to the dining room, the way to be under cover. The date for the opening has not yet been definitely fixed, but will probably be about the first of May.

The Boat club has made little announcement save of its officers, committees and the like, but after all this counts for a great deal with observing people, for they will at least know who they have to take into account. The following board of directors of the Rowing association have been elected: Messrs. Emmet Tinley, W. E. Shepard, Fred D. Empe, Tom P. Tidd, H. Z. Hass, J. H. Hass, B. M. Sargent, Don Macrae and Arthur Cooley. The directors elected the following officers: President, Emmet Tinley; vice president, W. E. Shepard; secretary, F. D. Empe; treasurer, T. P. Tidd; commodore, H. Z. Hass; vice commodore, J. G. Hess.

One of the most pretentious and successful affairs that has ever been undertaken by a High school class was the reception held between 3 and 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon at the High school, given by the members of the second section of the senior class, to the other members, the parents and members of the Board of Education. The main hall and library of the new building were handsomely trimmed with furnishings loaned by the various merchants and to these the several societies of the school contributed variety by each furnishing a corner. The F. G. F. had a Scotch corner, the Cadet Officers' club had a tent, from which hardtack and beans (of the confection variety) were served; the Browning society was at home in a Greek temple, a miniature of the front of the High school building, made by the Natural History society was prominently trimmed with ferns and heads of the Elain corner was very pretty, all trimmed in white. At the end of the hall punch and cake was served by girls of the class and during the afternoon a musical program was given consisting of a piano solo by Miss Cora Evans, a violin solo, by Miss Emily Clive, a vocal solo, by Miss Jeanette Mariotte, and two songs by the Captains' quartet, composed of Captains Higgins, Chaffee, Fairbrother and Wallace. During the three hours about 300 came and the section is under the chairmanship of Mr. Leslie Higgins and the reception was one that will be long remembered by those who were privileged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. St. A. D. Balcomb and Miss Balcomb are expected on the first of the month from Pass Christian, where they have passed the winter. Miss Wakely, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Wakely in St. Louis, is now visiting Mrs. Crain in Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Love expect to open their country place near the Country club next week. Mrs. J. J. Dickey is expected back from the south in about a week and will be the guest for a time of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Seoble. Mr. Gould Dietz and his mother have taken the house at 568 South Twenty-eighth street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gates entertained the West Farnam Pleasure club Saturday evening. High five was played and the prizes won by Mrs. D. Lyman, Mr. J. Callahan, W. Heaton and Mr. J. Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Branch arrived home last Monday evening from their eastern wedding tour. During their two weeks' absence they visited Chicago, Niagara Falls, New York City, Washington, D. C., Pittsburg and Columbus, O. They will be at home temporarily at the Murray hotel.

Mrs. George Hardy of Perry, Ia., has been the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. A. Haskell, of 1828 North Eighteenth street. Mrs. H. A. Oerich of Butte, Neb., is visiting in the city. Miss Frances Butts has returned from a three months' visit with her sister in Butte, Neb. Mr. C. W. Morton left last evening for a trip to Salt Lake City. Mrs. Philip Arden, accompanied by her daughter, has gone east. Mrs. Horace G. Burt and Mrs. T. M. Orr went to Chicago on Friday evening. Mrs. David Prentke of Cleveland, O., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Morris, on Park avenue.

Hon. W. H. Edmunds and wife of Yankton, S. D., spent last Sunday in Omaha visiting relatives, the family of James H. Brown, 215 South Thirty-eighth avenue, coming from a month's visit in California. Miss Effie Symms of Atchison, Kan., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Adams. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Derrig are back from a fortnight's trip to New York. Mr. Emil Brandt went to New York last evening. Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoopes and daughters returned on Saturday morning from a month's trip which included California, Mexico and several intermediate points of interest.

Mrs. Andrew Murphy has gone to Excelsior Springs for a few weeks. Miss Belle Knapp, who has been teaching near Hamilton, has been ill at the home of her parents in the city during the last week. Mrs. D. C. Redman of Yates Center, Kan., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. Ryan. Mr. and Mrs. F. Weller, Miss Weller and Mrs. Fred Clarke returned on Saturday from the south, having spent the last month at New Orleans and Gulf coast points.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Meek, 2617 Capitol, are entertaining the evening some of the young people who had come in to assist with the children were joined by others and enjoyed an informal hop, only members of families of club members being privileged to attend. The members of the Optimo club were entertained last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Durkee.

Mrs. Frank Porter was hostess of a kennington afternoon on Saturday. For Miss Ferris Mrs. John Francis entertained at cards on Saturday afternoon. The young people of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church are planning to present the "Desiret Skute" on Thursday evening, March 19, in the parlors of the church.

Mrs. Clarence Richmond Day is expected on Monday from Fort Wingate, N. M., to be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Day. Miss Sarah Young, who has spent several weeks visiting among Omaha friends and who went to Chicago a week ago, expects to go to California before returning

to her home in Pennsylvania and will stop in Omaha again for a few days while en route west. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cartan and Master Nana Cartan expect to leave this week for a two weeks' trip to the Gulf coast. Mr. Wing H. Allen has been appointed eastern correspondent for one of the Salt Lake papers and will reside in New York. Mr. Otis Howard, son of Mrs. Guy Howard, has been nominated naval cadet at Annapolis. Major and Mrs. Arrimth, who are now at San Francisco, expect to sail about April 1 for the Philippines.

Omaha chapter, P. E. O., met at the home of Mrs. G. R. Eddy yesterday afternoon and among other business transacted elected the following officers: Mrs. John F. Wagner, president; Mrs. Frank Bryant, secretary; Mrs. M. F. Funkehorst, recording secretary; Miss Anna Livers, treasurer; Mrs. Buchanan, chaplain; Mrs. Haas, guard; Miss Carrie Brown, journalist; Mrs. Andrew Treynor, first delegate; Mrs. Bryant, second delegate; Mrs. Munroe, first alternate; Mrs. Day, second alternate. A number of friends surprised Mrs. A. C. P. Farrell of Thirty-sixth and Burt streets on the occasion of her birthday last evening. The evening was spent at cards and refreshments were served.

Miss Gertrude Hoops on her return from the coast in company with her parents had the pleasure of an invitation to sing at the Mormon tabernacle at Salt Lake City, where she on last Thursday delighted the audience with her voice, accompanied by the great organ.

Mrs. R. H. Davies will show spring and summer models in millinery Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 19, 20 and 21, 1511 Douglas St.

OMAHA SUBURBS.

Benson.

Miss Parrotte of Omaha spent a day of last week visiting with friends in Benson. Mrs. James Walsh left last week for Elkhorn where she will visit over Sunday with relatives.

Master Joe Freeman, who has been quite ill during the last week, is reported to be convalescing. J. N. Horton returned from Chicago last Wednesday, where he has been the past month holding a temporary position on the Burlington railroad.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will hold its regular bi-weekly meeting this Wednesday, March 18, at the home of Mrs. H. I. Kelley at 2 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bucher have moved into the newly erected cottage on the corner of 24th and Ben Morton and family will take the one formerly occupied by them. Services will be held today at the Methodist Episcopal church at 11 a. m. by Pastor J. Creves. Sunday school at noon, Junior League at 3 p. m. and League at 6:30.

The Benson Republican club of Benson held a meeting at the town hall last Saturday night for the purpose of taking action in regard to the coming election of three trustees for the village.

Poles and connections from the arc light on Military avenue and McCague street, west on McGee, and Leroy avenue, were being prepared for the purpose of putting in a new electric arc light.

Instead of the regular evening services at the Methodist church tonight they will be conducted by the students of the lines of interest to the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education society. A special collection will be taken today.

The Benson public schools have become so crowded as to be utterly impossible to continue during the spring months, without another room, and also another teacher. The Board of Education has decided to use the town hall temporarily for this purpose and provide for the extra teachers.

What is needed to carry on the regular course for the rest of the school year. The Young Ladies' aid club, an auxiliary of the Benson Methodist church, gave an oyster supper and musical on Wednesday evening, March 11, at the town hall, under the direction of Miss Johnson. Supper was served from 6:30 till 8:30 by the Misses Rose Mader, Mary M. Nevin, Misses Sticker, Beatrice Hoffman, M. Nevin, Jennie Jennings and the club colors and waitress uniforms. After the supper followed music and sociability.

Special numbers were Piano recital, Lillian Stolpe; piano and cornet duet, Miss Morgan and Mr. Anderson; piano duet, Miss Hoffman and Mr. J. Griffin. The debut of the club as a body it was well signified and was successfully both financially and socially.

Florence.

E. I. Travis of Laurel, Neb., visited friends here Friday and Saturday. Mrs. J. T. Swanson was a business visitor in Omaha Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Prudence Tracy was a business visitor in Omaha Wednesday afternoon. Miss Amy Gilmore was the guest of Miss Julia Hunt a couple of days this week.

Mrs. M. E. Potter and Mr. J. Griffin were business visitors in Omaha this week. Mrs. Emil Weber of Wayne, Neb., was the guest of Mrs. J. Weber, sat, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Kopelizer of Hay Springs, Neb., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Taylor for a few days. J. W. Warner of Hancock, Ia., visited with the family of Charles Purcell a couple of days this week.

Miss Anna Gabrielson, Mrs. J. C. Kindred and William Kindred were Omaha visitors Thursday. William Tuttle, sr., and family left Saturday for Portland, Ore., where they will make their future home.

Rev. Dr. Palmer of Bancroft, Neb., will conduct the Lenten service at St. Mark's church next Sunday. Rev. John Albert Williams of St. Phillip's church, Omaha, conducted the regular Lenten service at St. Mark's church here Thursday evening.

Ernest Travis, one of the proprietors of the Florence, gave a social and dance at the city hall on Saturday. Supper will be served upstairs.

West Ambler.

Mrs. L. Darling and daughter, Alma and Edith, spent Sunday with friends in North Omaha. Dr. Sherwood has been attending Mrs. R. Henderson the past week. She is now much improved. J. E. Aughe and wife attended the Ohio reception and banquet at the Commercial club Thursday evening.

Charles E. Syras has not far recovered from his recent indisposition as to be around his home the last of the week. Baby Smith of Cummins has been the guest of Grandma Maestrick the past week, as well as her brother Alfred.

Mrs. Carberry, after being a resident of West Omaha for many years, has removed to Twenty-first and Mason streets. Ransome Bonebrake, who has been an intense sufferer with pneumonia for the last two weeks, is improving rapidly.

Miss Cook has returned to her home, Fort sixth and Center streets, after a long and anxious weeks at the bedside of her sister in East Omaha. Young Anderson of Sixty-fourth and Center streets, who recently fell from a wagon and having his leg badly injured, is doing nicely at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. Nelson Pratt and daughter Minnie came out Saturday to visit Mrs. Pratt's mother, Mrs. R. M. Henderson, who has been ill. Miss Minnie remained until Sunday evening. The Epworth league of Southwest Methodist church realized nearly \$7 at their social and supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh last Friday evening, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

Tribute to Miss Parsons.

At a regular monthly meeting of the Transmissouri Historical society, held on the 13th inst. by the president, the following was made part of its record: "We learn with regret of the retirement of Miss Maud Parsons, the efficient, courteous and scholarly principal of the reference room of the Omaha public library, and hereby extend our wishes for success in her new field of labor, and ask the publishers of The Bee to find space in their columns for this slight tribute to a worthy woman." "DELELLA MORTON, Secretary. "N. B. VAN EYK, President."

WOMAN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

The following arrived too late to be included in the symposium in last Sunday's Bee of the legislative work being undertaken by the various state federations in the general federation, the information having been supplied by the corresponding secretaries of the various federations in response to an inquiry by the editor of the Woman's club department of The Bee:

The Massachusetts federation, including several thousand women, has at present before the legislature of the state a bill relative to the care of truant girls, with good prospects of its becoming a law. It is also interested in a bill to protect parkways, public pleasure grounds and boulevards from disgusting advertisements and another for further prevention of cruelty to animals. The legislature is still in session and the bill still to be acted upon, but their prospects are all good. Last year the federation succeeded in securing the passage of a bill granting equal guardianship of children to both parents. This bill in one shape or another had been before the legislature for twenty years, backed by the New England Suffrage association. All of the clubs are now actively interested in signing petitions and like efforts in behalf of paying women twice for certain officers and to participate and vote in certain meetings and on certain matters, and a bill providing for a colony for epileptics.

The Colorado federation has prepared one bill and endorsed nine others this year, and while none of them have as yet passed both houses, there is reason to believe that seven of them will become laws. The federation's bill provides for the creation of a traveling library commission and the bill secured are: A bill requiring registration at school elections; a pre-emptive option bill; a primary election or direct nomination law; an improved and more stringent child labor law; the initiative and referendum; a bill postponing teachers after twenty-five years of service; a series of rape bills that protect women of all ages and inflict very severe penalties; a bill forbidding the use of carriages at elections. The federation includes 5,000 women.

The Vermont federation includes 1,455 women, who this year presented to the state legislature a bill asking that a woman be placed on the examining board of public institutions, such as asylums for the insane and reformatory, and that women and institutions where women are confined. The bill failed to pass. The Arkansas federation has four bills before the legislature of that state, one providing for a free library commission and another providing for a bill of the register 5-cent tax for library purposes; a bill providing for a reform school; increased revenue for public schools; to provide for the introduction of the kindergarten and manual training into the schools; a bill providing for the eligibility of women on school boards. The fourth bill met with so much opposition that it is feared by the legislative committee that it will prejudice the legislators against the others.

The year book for 1902-1903 of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs is out this week, and the reports between this and next gray, blue-lettered covers are indeed creditable to the women of the state. According to the corresponding secretary's report there are now 103 clubs and 2,880 members in the federation; fifteen clubs have come in during the year; twenty-five clubs hold individual membership in the general federation; number of officers and delegates present at the last annual meeting, 125; number of visitors from other towns, 100; number of clubs working for or assisting in the maintenance of libraries 36; number of clubs engaged in educational, philanthropic or other outside work, 44; number of clubs observing Federation day, 21; number of clubs holding social meetings, 70.

Among the clubs endeavoring to secure libraries for their respective towns are: Osceola, Wakefield, Valley and Douglas, these have raised the \$40 necessary to secure the traveling library for five years, and many other clubs are working to the same end. Seward Woman's club, Fairbury Woman's club, the Tecumseh club, Stanton club, Syracuse Woman's club and Falls City Society are giving financial aid to the libraries in which they were wholly or largely instrumental in securing. Self Culture club of St. Paul purchased and donated books to its public school library; Sutton Woman's club has been the means of establishing a library at York; Tecumseh Woman's club has a library of 100 books; Keystone Country club has started a library with \$100, and the Omaha New Book Review club has sent a box of books to the western part of the state; Lincoln Woman's club of Avon, club of York have each furnished the parlors of their new library buildings and in consideration of the same have been granted the use of these rooms for club purposes. The Syracuse Woman's club and the Falls City clubs have extended their efforts toward beautifying the public libraries, the former having been able through the generosity of its individual members and business men to donate \$300 for this purpose; the latter donating a fine library table, clock, pictures and various improvements.

The Fremont Woman's club was the prime mover in securing the Carnegie library building which is now nearly completed the members giving liberally when the fund was started and have pledged themselves to its support. The Beatrice Woman's club has planned to place a handsome book of Andrew Carnegie in the Carnegie library which is to cost at least \$100. Other clubs interested in library work or planning for the same are: Norfolk, Bloomfield, Randolph, Ashland, Winnsie, Pierce, Minden, Gering and Bridgeport.

The clubs interested in civic improvement are: Weeping Water Zetetic, Central City Sorosis, Stromsburg Woman's club, Beatrice Woman's club and Norfolk Woman's club. The Pingree gardens were the successful outcome of the effort of the Omaha Woman's club. The package of seeds being supplied 155 families last season. Central City Pin de Sicile has been especially active in philanthropy. Minden and Plainville clubs have pledged themselves to visit and co-operate with the public schools; Schuyler Woman's club has given five pictures to its high school and to the Commercial club rooms; St. Paul Self-Culture club donated a fine new piano to the high school; a gift club, has been formed, auxiliary to the Exeter Woman's club and under its executive board. The household economics department of the Omaha Woman's club is also interested in philanthropic work and is helping in the building

project of the Young Women's Christian association. Beatrice is enthusiastic over an art exhibit and sale of Copley prints; York has contributed to the decoration of its high school; Falls City Sorosis has arranged for a lecture course, having raised \$500 for that purpose; the Omaha Woman's club had a series of lectures, free to all club women; it has donated four classic busts and two figures from Michael Angelo, which have been placed in the halls of the Omaha High school. In addition to all the local work, the clubs of the state have contributed \$153.50 within the year for the education of a colored kindergarten teacher in the south.

All of this work has been done outside of the regular work of the clubs. The letter from the president, Mrs. W. E. Page of Syracuse, is replete with helpful suggestions for the strengthening and extension of club work. She urges that each club make room in its program for the open consideration of the federation year book, which has been prepared at the expenditure of much effort and includes the best thought on club work of the various members of the federations. "To many women," she says, "it is the only tangible link between the federation and themselves, as attendance at the annual meeting is possible to only a minority of club women. Cannot the book be put into circulation in alphabetical order? Each department leader in the larger clubs can easily reach her members." The work of the various standing committees is referred to and attention called to the various legislative measures now receiving the support of the club women. Another extract says: "The business of the federation in all its branches would be facilitated by the greater promptness and more businesslike methods on the part of club women. Will all seek to remedy this defect?"

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