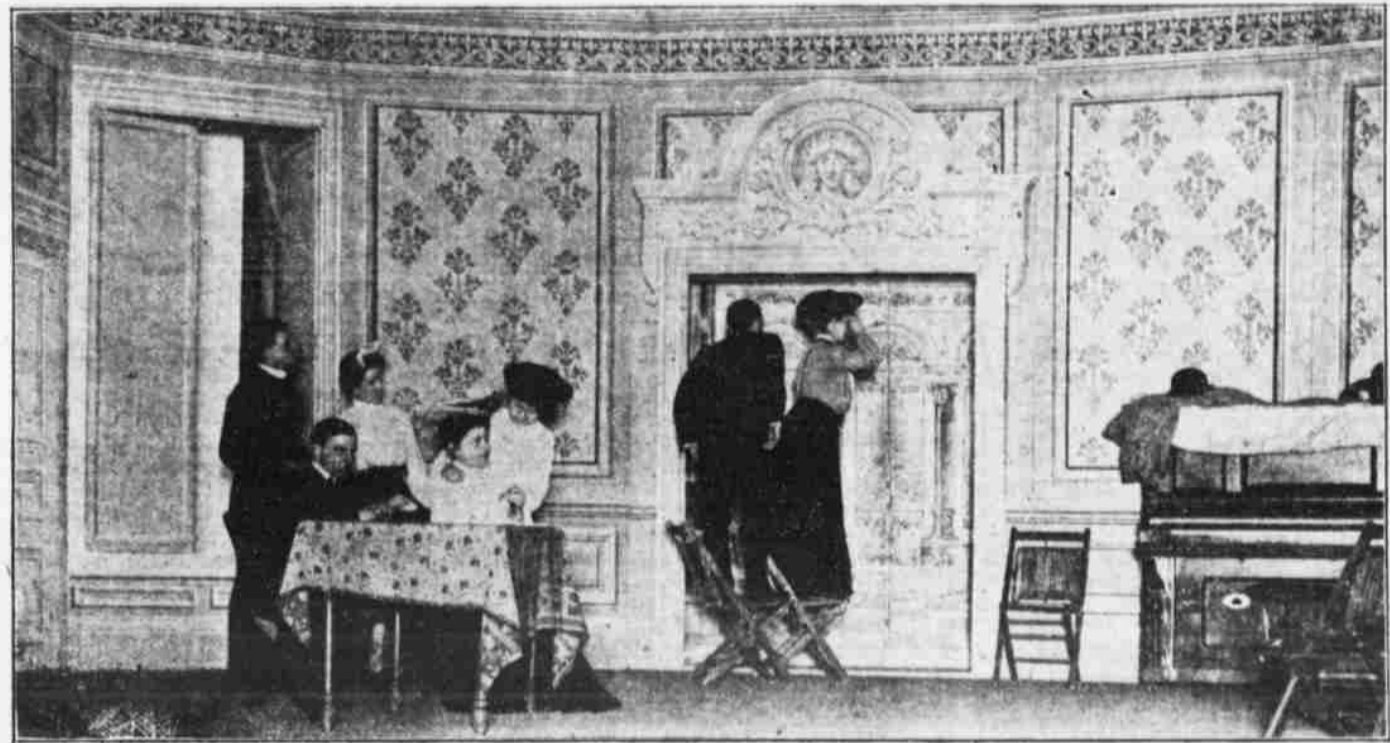


People and Things of Public Interest

AMATEUR dramatics are always in order, and when given in the cause of charity become doubly interesting. It has been the fashion in Omaha for a long time for some of the young people to give a post-Easter entertainment, presenting a play, the proceeds to be devoted to one or the other of the charities of the city. This year "Mr. Bob," a comedy, is to be given and the Visiting Nurses' association is to receive the benefit of the enterprise. Ever since Lent began the young folks who are to take part in the play have been rehearsing and working with most commendable zeal to get ready for the performance, which is to be given on Tuesday evening at Creighton auditorium. They have had the advantage of a splendid stage for their purposes, but have found that play-acting even in fun is serious business. It hasn't been a case of "hole in the roof—rain coming through," exactly, but it has been a case of work in street wraps, and under



"WATCHING THE YACHT RACE," ACT II, SCENE II, "MR. BOB."—Photo by a Staff Artist.

the world are located in this state, one of them in Omaha. The possibilities of the industry are just beginning to be realized. One county in the state was the recipient of \$10,000 a day last season for the cream gathered by the agents of the company. Four solid car loads of cream a day were shipped from the stations in this one county. It is money into the farmer's pocket, too. Twenty years ago the Nebraska farmer churned when time permitted, and took his butter to town, trading it for groceries as a rule, getting from 3 to 4 cents a pound for it in trade. Last year he sold his cream every day, getting an average price of 22 cents a pound for the butter fat it contained. This is only one of the features of the advance. Old-time butter men know how the methods of handling butter have advanced over those in vogue in the early days, and they alone can realize the improvement. Butter is now one of the leading products of this state, and if the convention just held in Omaha bears its legitimate fruit, the dairy industry will be bettered immensely. "The man behind the cow" is coming to the front in this great prairie state.

FINALE OF ACT I, "MR. BOB."—Photo by a Staff Artist.

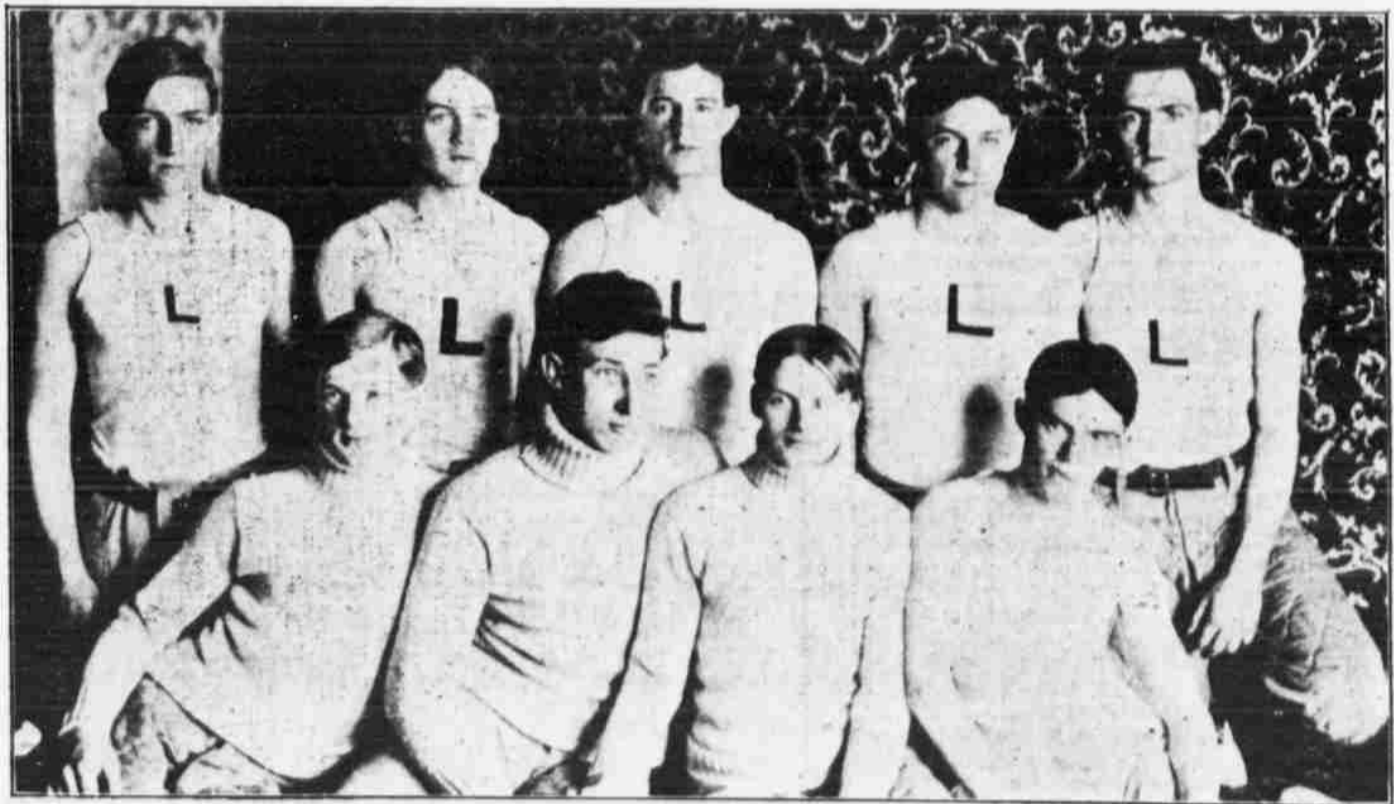
other conditions as have gone a long way to destroy any glamour the stage may hold for those in front of the footlights who have never seen the real stage behind. But the cold and discomfort have not deterred any of the cast from earnest effort to get in condition for a perfect presentation of the pretty little comedy. The pictures given this week are from photos made by a staff artist Tuesday evening while a rehearsal was in progress. The cast is as follows: Miss Becky Luke, a maiden lady, fond of cats, Miss Marie Coffman; Katherine, her niece, Miss Louise McPherson; Marton (Mr. Bob), Miss Elizabeth McConnell; Betty, a stage-struck maid, Mrs. Elta Matheson; Phillip Royson, Miss Becky's nephew, Mr. Will Cead; Mr. Brown, an architect, Mr. James Woodard; Jenkins, Miss Becky's butler, Mr. Vernon Chase.

the impression that the convention was an international affair, many people not dreaming that they were all the employees of one company, whose business it is to turn the cream of Nebraska cows into but-

ter for the world.

Few, even among the business men of the state, have any idea of the great growth of the dairy industry in the state of Nebraska. The biggest creamery plants in

One of the recent gatherings in Omaha was unique in its way, being an exemplification of modern business methods. It was a convention of men who are engaged in the work of gathering cream for creameries, and also in pushing the sale of a machine for the separation of cream from milk without waiting for the natural process. This merely marks an advance in the ways of doing business. These men were brought together by the companies they represent for the purpose of listening to a discussion of the details of the business in which they are engaged, and to compare notes, in order that each may become an expert in his line, to the end that the affairs of the company may be more successfully handled and its interests and the interests of its patrons more generally safeguarded. The big body of men who paraded the streets on Wednesday afternoon gave



LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM.—Photo by a Staff Artist.



DELEGATES TO THE CREAMERY CONFERENCE WHICH MET IN OMAHA DURING THE LAST WEEK.—Photo by a Staff Artist.