

WOMAN'S SPECIAL

NOTES ON OMAHA SOCIETY

La Veta Club Plays Cards at Home of Mr. W. H. Wisman.

PROSPECTIVE BRIDE IS ENTERTAINED

Miss Bernadine Johnson Honor Guest at Luncheon Followed by Cards Wednesday Whist Club Meets with Mrs. Myers.

Complimentary to Miss Bernadine Johnson, Miss Luella Wirth gave a luncheon Wednesday, followed by an afternoon at cards. Luncheon was served at five small tables, which were decorated with red-shaded candlesticks and the plate cards were heart-shaped, decorated with cupid. A carnation was placed at each guest's plate. High five was the game of the afternoon and prizes were won by Mrs. John Buchanan and Miss Mary Hedwall. A guest of honor was given to Miss Johnson. Those present were: Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mrs. Ed Monaghan, Mrs. G. C. Hansen, Mrs. Will Callahan, Mrs. Will Davidson, Mrs. John Marsh, Mrs. John Buchanan, Mrs. McCutcheon, Miss David, Miss Shull, Miss Charles Edwards, Mrs. James Smith, Miss Minnie Frick, Miss Laura Cushing, Miss Blanche Cushing, Miss Margaret Flynn, Miss Margaret O'Keefe, Miss Lillian Rose, Miss Katherine McClanahan and Miss Mary Hedwall.

perhaps the best choice. Some of the soft silk silks of sturdier nature than the transparent silks will give good service.



MOUSSELINE AND RIBBON.

but a voile, while it may be made dainty enough for formal occasions, may be worn at many times when a silk of the radium type would seem to elaborate. The one-tone fine stripes and checks in the very sheer voiles are particularly well liked and the most fashionable dressmakers are making up innumerable frocks in such materials and in the extremely light shades—white, ecru, straw color, rose, the delicate blues and mauves and grays and greens, etc. There are good effects, too, in the two-tone voiles, with fine line stripes and checks, but these are considered hardly so chic as the one-tone checks and stripes. Several of these voile costumes were in hand in the work rooms of one of the most successful dressmakers last week, and were examined with considerable interest, because of the fashion in which they combined modestness and utility. Three of them were three-piece models, having skirt, bodice and little coat, but the bodice in each instance was chiefly of lace and lingerie material and the coat was a vague, fanciful little affair scarcely deserving the name of coat.

Some Smart Models.

One model in a delicate hydrangea blue was in plain voile, trimmed in taffeta silk and dyed flet lace. The skirt had a deep hem of taffeta beaded by a band of blue flet of handsome damask-in design, and the upper edge of the lace was outlined by a narrow band of the silk, above which were set five other narrow bands at three-quarter-inch intervals, the group of narrow bands, taken together, achieving a width equal to that of the deep silk hem.

At certain repeated figures in the design of the lace band were set tiny pendant silk tassels of blue and white. The bodice of dyed flet was trimmed in bands of silk and little tassels and a very short loose kimono coat of voile, trimmed to match the skirt, and showing almost the entire bodice sleeve of blue flet and creamy Valenciennes, added to the picturesqueness of the costume rather than to its warmth.



TUCKED CHIFFON AND SILK.

A white chiffon voile in one-tone stripe was trimmed in heavily embroidered white linen and lace and a ciel blue in the same sort of stripe had a hand made openwork trimming formed from heavy ciel blue taffeta cords held together by heavy stitching in coarse blue silk. A coral colored voile was trimmed in corn colored taffeta embroidered in self-tone soutache and was of the three-piece order, the bodice being chiefly of cream lace and the little sleeveless coat of corn colored taffeta embroidered all over in fine silk soutache. A smart scarf arrangement was of pekin silk, black and white, and a bias line of this same black and white silk appeared upon the bodice sleeves and at the girdele trimming.

Still another chiffon voile was of so faint a gray that it was almost white and was made over a white silk, striped in onion brown. The chiffon was embroidered in self-tone and touches of several shades of light yellow brown were introduced in the trimming.

Simpler voile frocks than these are numerous, but these descriptions may give some slight idea of the things that are being done with sheer veillings. The other sheer stuffs are often treated in much the same way as the voiles and in some cases of dark colored silk mousseline or other gauzy silk material liked by the Parisians. Striped stuffs in which one stripe is heavier than the other, though both are very thin, are made in designs suggesting foulards, graduated oia dots or conventional designs being scattered over the one-tone striped surface.

In dark blue and white, brown and white, etc., these materials are very popular and they are usually made up over white, as for that matter, are a majority of all the sheer materials, although some have foundations of self-color, particularly the delicate tints.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids Nature.

Medicines that aid nature are always most effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence.

Advantages of Wool Voiles.

For the woman who wishes to follow fashion's edicts by having a very thin soft frock, yet needs something which will resist hard wear and be practical as well as pretty, one of the very fine wool voiles is

WORK OF THE CLUB WOMEN

Numerous Organizations Elect Officers and Adjourn Until Fall.

LIBRARY PROFITS BY STUDY OF WOMEN

Collection of Stereoscopic Slides Covering Italian Renaissance Becomes Nucleus of Traveling Art Collection for State.

With the adjournment of the Society of Fine Arts Thursday the public library came into possession of about 400 stereoscopic slides, valued at \$180, which will form the nucleus of a collection to help in the study of art throughout the state. The society has been studying the Italian renaissance with the stereoscopic and the slides were purchased for their use. The library owns the stereoscopic and the society has held its meetings there, making use of it. The slides will be available in other art societies in Omaha or any place in the state upon application, the only cost being that of transportation, and the collection is sufficiently complete to cover an entire year's course of study. The society also elected these officers for the year: Mrs. J. W. Grier, president; Mrs. Z. Lindsey, vice president; Mrs. Charles E. Johannes, second vice president; Mrs. Edward Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Irving Baxter, treasurer; Mrs. C. C. George, chairman of advisory committee, and Mrs. W. W. Grier, chairman of membership committee. The assistant president, Mrs. Z. Lindsey, has not yet been appointed, but it is expected the list will be complete next month. The society will convene again in October and will study the Dutch, German and Flemish renaissance.

Nurses Have Busy Month.

The past month has been a busy one with the nurses of the city. About 400 visits having been made among the sick poor of the city. Forty-seven patients were cared for and special nurses were required in a number of cases. During the business hour Mrs. S. R. Town, first president of the association, was made an honorary member of the board of directors for life. The association decided to accept the offer of a local druggist to give them the proceeds of his soda fountain if the women would preside the day of the opening, the date of which has not yet been settled. Mrs. E. B. Towle, one of the probation officers of the court, invited the women, upon invitation, on the probation work and the value of the visiting committee. The nurses frequently come in contact with the work of the court and wished further information that they might better co-operate.

Nebraska Women Boon Temperance.

The revival of temperance interest among Nebraska women is beginning to have its effect outside the state as well as at home. Willard temple, that splendid monument to the founder of the Women's Christian Temperance union, at Chicago, is among the beneficiaries of their zeal. The recent issue of the New York Association of Women for the World, published in New York, has a full page of the temple, pays the following tribute to Nebraska:

Forty-two pledges have been received since our last issue. Of this number nine are \$100 pledges, a large number that we have ever before received in a month. Nebraska is the banner state; it has out-pledged Illinois, and has nearly doubled ahead. Last month Illinois had ten \$100 pledges, and Nebraska has received nine on club 7. Now the count stands, Nebraska has completed clubs 6 and 7 and has five names on club 8. Illinois has received four names on club 7. Nebraska, therefore, is eleven counts ahead on the Ten, Ten club. Nebraska has received seven in seven pledges of \$100 each the last month and one pledge on No. 1 United States Hundred club. Nebraska has received five \$100 pledges, however, we will lift our hat to Nebraska.

Editorially, Mrs. Carre, at the head of the temple work, says in the Temple Appeal:

The temple boom in pledges still continues, the number being up to 120 as last month. The \$100 pledges received since our last issue far outnumber anything before recorded. We have received nine \$100 pledges, and if other states had gone their duty as well as fearless, faithful, loyal Nebraska, instead of nine \$100 pledges we could easily have ninety-nine.

Club Women Elect Officers.

The Dundee Women's club met Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. E. A. Benson on May 1. The hour being devoted to a review of the year's study of England and current topics. The annual meeting of the club and election of officers will be held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Benson on May 1. The new club held its first annual meeting and election of officers on Wednesday, Mrs. H. C. Brome was elected president, Mrs. J. L. Baker vice president, Mrs. William Sherridan secretary and treasurer and Mrs. John McDonald critic. The club has adjourned until fall.

Club Notes.

The ethics and health department of the Woman's club will close its work for the spring at a meeting Saturday afternoon, between 2 and 3 o'clock in the club rooms. The business hour will be followed by a social hour. Officers will be elected for next year. The Mt Sigma Woman's club will hold its last meeting of the year and election of officers Wednesday afternoon, April 24, at the home of Mrs. W. M. Alderson. The musical department of the Woman's club will hold its last meeting of the spring next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the club rooms. The business hour will be followed by a social hour. Sixteen new Woman's Christian Temperance unions were organized in Nebraska during March.

Light Outing Suits.

The wardrobe of the well groomed summer girl of 1907 will include some rather elaborate outing costumes, and among these the tennis gown affords the greatest possibilities. White or light colors are preferable, pique, linen, tussore of grosgrain will all be much used the grosgrain coming in very strong just now. The skirt should be full and swinging free at least three inches from the ground, and the pleats stitched down just far enough to confine the fullness so it will not swing under the feet as it slips. Of course, these are jacket suits and the coat may be slipped on and off as desirable. Some dainty blouses of colored silk in blue, rose, heliotrope or the brown are worn with these white suits. They are out with the half long collars and Peter Pan sleeves and are worn with belt to match as the tie to match the skirt. The color of the waist may be again introduced in the band of the plain sailor hat which best accompanies this suit. White straw is more tailored looking, but some fetching little hats are made of linen in colors or white with the tops buttoning on baby-fashion. The heavy quality of Chinese silk, such as Englishmen and Americans wear, in the Orient, but which is considered too heavy for women's waists, makes an exquisite suit. The colored silk waist with tie the

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Secretary Taft replied, saying, in part: "Again I am urged to make a specific declaration regarding the policy of the United States toward the people of Porto Rico. I am only a humble member of President Roosevelt's cabinet. Whatever I may think or whatever I may do are matters of little importance to the people of this island. The fact that I am invited to the fact that President Roosevelt has visited Porto Rico and the island has been visited by Mr. Root, the secretary of state, and by Mr. Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, and in some respects the most powerful man in the republic. President Roosevelt has recommended that citizenship be given, but there have been congressional difficulties with reference to this matter. I am not dealing with generalities, but with the concrete facts. I ask what is it a Porto Rican is not guaranteed that an American citizen. You have every guarantee a citizen of the United States enjoys. You have the habeas corpus and a trial by jury, and when you are in a foreign country the same flag protects you that protects a citizen of the United States. Therefore, while President Roosevelt urges citizenship, he urges it on the ground of gratifying the sentiment of the citizens of this island. But when you ask the question is whether it is not something that is to be heard tomorrow.

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Affairs Which Lasted Three Years Ago to Be a Regular Feature in the Future.

Resumption of the former annual banquets of the Omaha Produce exchange was had last night at the Chesapeake cafe after a lapse of three years, when plates were laid for seventy-five members and friends of the exchange. David Cole acted as toastmaster and introduced the many speakers after the consumption of an elaborate banquet, and the affair promises to mark the return of many similarly enjoyable affairs in the future life of the exchange.

The invited guests of the evening were John L. Kennedy and E. C. Page, recently appointed members of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Mr. Kennedy addressed the assemblage briefly on the question of railroad rate legislation with regard to the efforts of Omaha produce dealers in effecting protesting against the action of the express companies in encroaching upon the legitimate trade of dealers.

"You ought to remember that to have reasonable rates you must have equal rates," said Mr. Kennedy. "No system of rebates can give reasonable rates unless all stand on an equal basis for low rates to one means equally higher rates to another. This rate regulation legislation is in its infancy, and when you have forced even distribution of the burdens of transportation your next step is to enforce reasonable rates. Common carriers have no business dealing in commodities they transport, and if you do not drive the express companies out of the produce business they will drive you out."

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E. B. Branch, secretary of the Western Fruit Jobbers association, outlined the recent interstate commerce law of June, 1906, and told of the work accomplished by his exchange and the results anticipated.

E. C. Page gave an interesting delineation of the growth of Omaha and gave it as his opinion that the Omaha Produce exchange and similar organizations had aided materially in this growth. Organizations of this character have sprung up in our city and have united the interests and vitalized the business men," said Mr. Page. Other speeches were made by H. D. Fry, Joseph Rushton, Louis Kirschbaum and A. G. Neely, and the banquet closed with "Toastmaster Cole leads in three resounding cheers for the exchange and its individual members, with the hope that they would all long endure for the future welfare of a "Greater Omaha."

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