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NOTES ON OMAHA SOCIETY

Art Study Will Afford Lenten Diversion for Many Women.

SEVERAL BRIDGE CLUBS MEET

Out-of-Town Guests at Fort Crook and Affairs in Their Honor Help to Keep Things Going.

One of the Lenten diversions for a set that contributes much to the social life of the city is to be an art study class. The new class is to be organized shortly to meet at the homes of the members. The membership at present numbers about a dozen, but will probably be increased. Among the women interested are Mrs. Louis Nash, Mrs. E. T. Swobe, Mrs. Willard Husford, Mrs. Robert L. Hamilton, Miss Claire Helene Woodard, Miss Gertrude Moorhead, Miss Anna Coad and Miss Hortense Clarke.

The Society of the Fine Arts, which has for the last two years been meeting fortnightly at the library, is doing serious and excellent work. "Spanish Art" being the subject this winter. The art department of the Woman's Club, one of the oldest and most serious art classes of the state, continues its meetings as usual, every two weeks, and out of these two older organizations has grown the interest that has led to the new class.

Bridge Clubs. Several bridge clubs held their regular meetings Monday at Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm was the hostess for the Monday Bridge Luncheon club. Mrs. C. W. Hull for the Monday Afternoon Bridge club and Mrs. S. R. Hush for the Dundee Bridge Luncheon club. Mrs. Ruth's guests, Mrs. Charles Price and Mrs. James Overstreet of Hannibal, Mo., were the guests of honor at the latter club.

Dinner Party. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brogan entertained at dinner Saturday evening at their home near the Country club. Covers were placed for Miss Lynn Curtis, Miss Daisy Doane, Mr. O. C. Redick, Mr. Earl Gannett, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brogan. Miss Curtis and Miss Doane spent

the week end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Brogan.

Saturday Evening Class. Miss Helen Rinehart entertained a few of the members of the Saturday Evening Dancing class at dinner at her home Saturday. Spring flowers were in decoration and those present were Misses Alice Carter, Katherine Beeson, Daphne Peters, Ruth Rinehart, Messrs. Sanford Gifford, Ted Millard, Donald McWhorter and Allen Tukey. They afterwards attended the dancing school at Chamber's academy.

Surprise Party. Mr. and Mrs. A. Weiss were given a surprise party Sunday night by Mrs. Joseph Praden and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Simon. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. H. Meyerson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Meyerson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lapsid, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. I. Friedman, Mrs. L. Meyerson, Mrs. Belman, Miss Julia Harris, Miss S. Cooler, Mrs. Cooler, Miss Edna Pates, Miss Ethel Wolfson, Miss Friedman, Mr. G. Meyerson, Mr. Benjamin Whit, Mr. B. Cooler, Mr. Kohn, Mr. L. Harris, Mr. L. Harris, Jr., and Mr. Arthur Simon.

Coming Events. Captain and Mrs. Jack Hayes of Fort Crook will entertain this week for Miss Gladys Hanson, who is one of the leading ladies with the E. H. Southern company. Mrs. Hayes and Miss Hanson were school friends in Atlanta, Ga. The luncheon at Fort Crook Friday evening will be attended by a number of guests from Omaha. Four dinner parties will be given preceding the dance. The host and hostesses will be Captain and Mrs. Ball, who entertain for Miss Kittson; Captain and Mrs. Gohn, who will have as their guests of honor Miss Gardner and Miss Blauvelt; Captain and Mrs. Crimmins and Captain and Mrs. Bennett also will give dinner parties.

Come and Go Gospee. Lieutenant George Neal, United States navy, will leave the latter part of the week for New York City, where he will be assigned to one of the battleships.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Green are expected the latter part of the week to spend the week end with Mrs. Green's sister, Mrs. A. G. Beeson, and Mr. Beeson. Mr. Lael Charles Lee of Arizona, whose wedding to Miss Carolyn Kracht will take place next Saturday, is now staying at the Paxton.

WHAT THE WOMEN ARE DOING

Woman's Club Civics Committee Asks Enforcement of Ordinance.

ALL TO REPORT ON STREET CARS

Young Women's Christian Association Makes Addition to Secretarial Staff—Increases Necessary to Cover Broadening Scope.

The newly appointed civics committee made its first report at Monday afternoon's meeting of the Woman's club. For the present it deems best to work for the enforcement of the present ordinance regarding billboards. Compliance with this at least relieves the billboards of danger to passersby, and Mayor Dahlman has been requested by the committee to see that the ordinance is enforced. One member of the committee is in favor of club women refusing to patronize merchants and others who advertise on billboards, deeming this the most effective means of making the system unpopular. The committee further announced that it is not through with its investigation into the street car service problem and it requested all women encountering discourtesy or inconvenience from conductors to report the same to the committee that these things may be brought formally to the attention of the proper authorities.

Announcement of Governor Shallenbarger's reappointment of the present matrons of the Milford and Geneva schools for girls was received with satisfaction, as was the governor's promise of his careful consideration of their request regarding the reappointment of Superintendent White of the Nebraska School for the Deaf.

Upon recommendation of the membership committee, new members coming into the club at this time will be admitted for next year and the remaining two months of this year for \$5, while former members will be reinstated for the same period for \$4. The Carnegie pension for retired university professors was endorsed by the club, as was a recommendation from the legislative committee of the General Federation in congress to give their support to the bill now pending there providing for a children's bureau.

Mr. Ben Cherrington spoke of the work of the Omaha public playgrounds and solicited the further support of the club in carrying it on this summer. The program was presented by the literature department. Miss Kate McHugh of the high school speaking of "How to Read History and Poetry," with illustrative readings. Industry, conscience and imagination she named as essentials in reading. Two readings were given in illustration and the program proved altogether delightful. Two organ solos were given by Miss Mamie Austin. Mrs. F. H. Cole presided in the absence of Mrs. Millard Langfield, leader of the department.

Miss Ora Johnson for Y. W. C. A. Miss Ora Johnson has been added to the secretarial staff of the Young Women's Christian association and will resume her duties at once. Miss Johnson will become office secretary succeeding Miss Sabra Wilson, who will give her entire time to the employment bureau and boarding home work. Under Miss Wilson's direction this department of the association work has assumed such proportions that it will require the entire time of one secretary. This department corresponds to the dormitory work in many cities that it did not seem practicable to incorporate into the local plan. Miss Wilson will give her attention to young women who are strangers in the city and others who need assistance or friends helping them to find work and to find a home among desirable surroundings. Another office secretary will probably be added to the staff when the association gets into its new building, where the demands will be easier and the work greater in proportion.

Mrs. Park Declines. The following letter issued through the southern press seems to eliminate one of the strongest possibilities from the contest next April, for the office of president general of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution: "To the Daughters of the American Revolution of Georgia. It has become my duty, in justice to myself and to others, to state that I am not, and will not be, a candidate for president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution. "I thank you sincerely for your kind endorsement, which was undertaken by devoted friends, without my knowledge. To them, I express my warm appreciation. Yours faithfully, "EMILY HENDREE PARK." Mrs. Park has been vice president gen-

eral from Georgia and is recognized as one of the strong women.

Announcements. The state board of managers and delegates of the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Thursday of this week at the home of the state regent, Mrs. C. B. Letton, in Lincoln. Perhaps the most important item of business will be selection of the delegates of a state regent and vice regent to be passed upon by the continental congress. The annual meeting and election of the Omaha Social Settlement association will be held next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the Auditorium of the Young Men's Christian association. Prof. Lucile Eades of the Sociological department of the University of Nebraska will give the address of the evening, which will follow the business session. The election of a head resident for the settlement house, to succeed Miss Lyford, who recently resigned, will be one of the important matters of business.

Nellie Peck Still an Enigma

Letters Exchanged Would Indicate Missing Girl is Now in Canada, Not California.

Nellie Peck is in Omaha. At least, such is the news that has been received indirectly by the Omaha police through a resident of the county in Missouri in which the Pecks live. Mrs. J. W. Peck, mother of the missing girl whose absence has worried the family since the first week in February, is said to have received a letter from her daughter, in which the letter states that she is at Walkerville, Canada, which is just across the river from Detroit.

Senator Peck, father of Nellie Peck, was in Omaha for some time after his fears were aroused over the disappearance of his daughter, but he returned to his home at Westboro, Mo., when two letters were received, supposedly from Nellie, in which she said she was on her way to California. A later letter to which no name was signed, stated that the girl was in a convent.

WOULD-BE MURDERER KILLS SELF AT HOSPITAL

Pittsburg Fire Captain Jumps from Third-Story Window After Blasting Victim with Razor.

PITTSBURG, March 1.—William Gearhart, captain of a fire company who yesterday murderously assaulted Mrs. Anna Baxter, a widow, with a razor and then seriously cut himself, committed suicide today by jumping from the third floor of the Pittsburg hospital.

Mrs. Baxter is in a precarious condition today. Although guarded by a policeman, Captain Gearhart eluded the officers and leaped through the window, carrying the glass and sash with him. He alighted on his head, causing death in a few minutes.

Announcements of the Theaters.

Mr. Sothern will present at the Boyd theater this evening his own production of "Rochelle." This great drama, aside from its poetry and its great interest from a dramatic point of view, admits of the richest treatment in point of scenery and accessories, and these Mr. Sothern has amply provided. The play is one of the most important in his repertory and deserves the liberal patronage it seems certain to have.

On Sunday and Monday, next, "A Knight for a Day" is coming to the Boyd for a return engagement. When this company was here earlier in the season it made a great hit in the piece. The chorus is the one great beauty aggregation that has been seen in Omaha this season, while Eugene Moylan and Elsie Herbert are still scoring heavily at each performance.

If there's a spark of patriotism about you—if you have any love for flag or country, it will surely make itself known if you go to see the stirring drama, "Janice Meredith," which is on at the Burwood this week. Miss Leone is seen to even better advantage than in "All-of-a-Sudden-Peggy." There will be a matinee today.

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The Magazines

The March Century is notable for the number of its articles on public men and public interests. The new president is given a prominent place in its pages, with a study, published anonymously, of his interesting personality; a picture, sketched by James A. Le Roy, of his character and methods as revealed by his work in the Philippines; and a first publication of two letters of Mr. Taft, one declining to be considered for the presidency of Yale, the other accepting his appointment on the Philippines commission. In addition the reminiscences of "Rutherford B. Hayes in the White House" and the story of "Our Presidents Out of Doors," make the issue decidedly a "White House Number," as it is called. The articles on topics of general public interest cover a wide range.

George F. Parker, in his second paper on Cleveland, in the March McClure's, gives the first authentic story of the remarkable campaign which elected him to the presidency a second time. A. J. Conant, the artist, tells of his experiences in painting a portrait of Lincoln; T. R. MacMechen describes the country where Roosevelt will hunt in South Africa, and James L. Ford contributes a paper on "Our National Stage." Mrs. Humphry Ward's great novel, "Marriage à la Mode," is continued, and the number contains the following short stories: "Bibi Steinfeld's Hunting," by Eleanor Stuart; "The Reformation of Jack Ketch," by James Hopper; "Mrs. Sweeney's Vengeance," by Charles R. Barnes; "The Fountain Light," by Fielding Hall; "The Vacant Road," by George Kibble Turner; "The Strength of the Law," by F. J. Loutlet; and "The Reckoning," by Robert Lounsbury Black.

The Strand Magazine for March is a capital number and the "Curiosities" alone are sufficient to render it unusually attractive including, as they do, some of the queerest and most out-of-the-way subjects in the world. Hall Caine reaches a vital point of interest in his "White Christ," while other excellent stories are supplied by Max Pemberton, E. Nesbit, Sidney Low and Dorothea Mackay. The articles include such widely different subjects as are indicated by the titles: "Crime and the Crystal," "Favorite Portraits of Grand Opera Artists," "Sir W. S. Gilbert as an Artist," "Stage Prizes" and "Beneficial Homes and Gardens." Harry Lauder continues his "Reminiscences."

The March Smith's opens with a complete novel by Martha McCulloch-Williams, "The Choice of Honor." The short stories in the March number of the magazine are all worthy of note. Holman F. Day's "Ministry of Meats" House Mob" is delightful in its humor, and Annie Hamilton Danell's tale, "The Right House," is equally attractive in its pathos. The fourth of Mrs. John Van Vorst's tales of "An American Girl Abroad" gives some interesting sidelights on London society and a good story as well. "In Answer to Wire," by Edna Jessica Ferber, is an account of a railway journey with a love story in it. "The Smugglers" is a strong tale of French rural life by F. Berkeley Smith, and "A Victim of St. Valentine," by Alice Louise Lee, is a

good love story. H. Addington Bruce has an article describing the work of women in making American history during the first period immediately before the revolution. This article is the second in a series which promises to be of unusual interest. Anne O'Hagan has contributed to the number a good paper on "Our Servant Girls," and Edward Lucas White is represented by a rather unusual poem, "The Elopement."

The People's Magazine has three new departures in the March number. One is the first installment of a long novel by Calvin Johnston, entitled "The Marlowes." "The Marlowes," filled with its gentle humor, will make home reading aloud. "The World and His Wife" is a complete story adapted from the well known play by the same name, and is the first of a series of romances of the theater. The third new feature is a brief outline of each current play, which taken in conjunction with the theatrical pictures found in the art portfolio, offers a dramatic guide to the theatergoer.

The Popular for March contains a number of unusual short stories. Among these are: "Peter Burnham's Grudge," by Ralph D. Paine, a story of athletics at Yale; "Colonel by Brevet," by W. B. M. Ferguson, humorously descriptive of the manner in which some southern cash made his appearance on Broadway; "Before Strange Gods," a story of the "boot-legging" traffic in the northwest, by Bertrand W. Sinclair; and "McTavish's Guests," by A. M. Chisholm, which tells of the various attitudes adopted by several interesting characters toward the heathen in his darkness.

"The Case of Good Old Berrie," by Vanderheyden Pyles, in the March Smart Set, is a story as told at the club, of the continual and finally hopeless mishaps of a good hearted old chap who was born a blunderer. "Chance," by Charles Somerville, is a serial to the final degree, a grim, gruesome tale that fascinates by its terrible power. "Mamselle Violette," by E. Crayton McCants; "The Daughter of a Pasha," by Mary Hastings; "The Prevalier," by F. K. Trask; "The Trespasser," by W. H. G. Wyndham Martin, and "An Impractical Joke," by Grace Tabor, are stories of exceptional merit and interest. Rachel Crothers contributes a one-act play, "Mrs. Molly." There is verse by Helen Dudley, Aldis Duffbar, Edna S. Valentine and Alois Kirman.

In short stories the March St. Nicholas has two that ought to captivate young girls. The opening story of the number is by Marjorie Warner Wildman. "The Sled That Ran Away." Of course it didn't really run away, for a sled couldn't do that, but "Margie" hitched behind, tied her sled at that, and couldn't untie it. "The Coral Necklace," by Grace E. Craig, is of a young girl who goes to Venice and almost buys a coral necklace. She did get one, but how it was obtained is too well told in the story to hint at here. Ralph Henry Barbour's serial, "Captain Club," continues and draws three college boys as they exist in actual fact. "The Loss of the Silver Sword," Mary Constance Dubois continued story of a group of school girls, presents a delightful view of an Adirondack girl's camp, while Bradley Gilman's Egyptian adventure story, "A Son of the Desert," presents in this installment some

stirring scenes of a camp of Egyptian bandits who hold "Ted," the hero, in captivity. Charming verse, a great number of illustrations and the regular departments complete the issue.

Ainslee's for March has the opening chapters of a new novel by Harold MacGrath, a complete novel by H. P. Prevost Battersby, some exceptionally fine short stories by Kate Jordan, Charles Neville Buck, Prince Troubetzkoy, Mary B. Mullett, Daniel Steele and Caroline Duer, and a continued story by Marie Van Vorst. It also contains a colored frontispiece by Howard Chandler Christy, and is enlarged by sixteen additional pages.

The Red Book magazine for March contains several features of more than ordinary importance. First, is an article by Prof. Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago on "Woman's Morality—Savage and Civilized." Another feature is an article by Edwin Markham, the famous author of "The Man With the Hoe," on "Women Who Worry." One wishes that Mr. Markham's essay might be placed in the hands of every such woman. Pictorially the March magazine is especially beautiful. Among the writers represented in the number by short stories of decided originality and strength are, Michael Williams, Owen Oliver, Porter Emerson Brown, Fremont Rider, Eugene Manlove Rhodes, Duffield Osborne and W. H. G. Wyndham-Martin.

The March Woman's Home Companion carries out the publisher's promise of a bigger and better magazine in 1930. A discussion of "What the Emmanuel Movement Really Is" begins in this issue. The importance of the subject and the standing of the writers make this article one of particular interest. Alexander Dana Noyes, financial editor of the New York Evening Post, has something very important to say about women's investments. The March issue is a special spring fashion issue announcing the advanced spring styles. The stories are many and good, Irving Bacheller, Grace S. Richmond, Ada T. Drake, Mary Heslop Vorse, Florence Morse Kingsley and Hubert Footner contributing fiction of a very high order. In addition to an exceptionally handsome cover design by C. Allen Gilbert there are 150 illustrations in this number, several in color.

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