Among the Women's Clubs

President of General Federation Will Visit Omaha Clubs—State Convention of Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Fairbury This Week—Scholarships for Daughters of Club Women—Announcements.

WITH the first meeting of the new directory of the Omaha Woman's club the season of that important organization may fairly be considered open. It is, therefore, right and proper to now state that the club year is here. The directory held its first meeting Friday morning.

The approaching visit of the president of the general Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis, was a topic of much interest at this meeting, as preliminary arangements for her entertainment were made. Mrs. Moore, who comes to Nebraska to attend the State Federation convention at Tecumseh, will be in Omaha October 24. The Omaha Women's clubs will entertain at a breakfast in her honor, the federated clubs of Omaha and the members of the Alumnae Collegiate association. Mrs. Moore is the national president of the college women's organization.

Consideration and acceptance of the regulations governing the five scholarships for which daughters of the Omaha club women may compete was the chief business of the first session. The scholarships, for which examinations are to be held not later than September 27, are:

First—The University of Nebraska, for which $300 is available to aid the successful candidate in defraying expenses.

Second—University of Omaha, which donates remission of tuition for four years.

Third—Mary D. Stoddard, which consists of a loan fund of $200 to be used without interest by an Omaha High school graduate in paying tuition in Omaha university.

Fourth—The Van Sant Business college, which gives a full business college training for eight months, together with books and material.

Fifth—Brownell Hall, which gives large remission in expenses for tuition and board.

Applications must be made in writing to the president, Mrs. M. D. Cameron, 3307 Cuming street.

The annual convention of the Nebraska Woman's Christian union is to be held in Fairbury this week, September 27 to 30. The announcement of officers state that effort is being made to make this convention the largest and best the organization has ever held.

Urging a large attendance the press superintendent, Mrs. Adelaide Rood says, "There are many reasons why this convention should be well attended. Great issues are at stake just now. The temperance question is evidently to have first place in the coming campaign and will have a crucial test at the polls this fall. Much depends upon our organization as to the outcome."

Tuesday evening a reception will be given to the general officers and delegates at the home of Mrs. Hatfield. The program for the evening meeting includes an address of welcome by the mayor of Fairbury, C. M. Hurlburt; by Rev. M. E. Gilbert of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mrs. Olive Jackson of the Fairbury union. Mrs. D. C. Johns of Omaha, president of the Douglas county union will respond. The election of officers is held Thursday morning.

Newton Wesley Gaines, a Nebraska man and a well known educator, is to be the principal speaker. Mrs. Frances B. Heald and Mrs. Helen Hornby, who have recently returned from a trip abroad, will give us glimpses of the world's convention.

Tuesday afternoon there will be a delegate's conference presided over by Mrs. Kate Davis, president of the East Lincoln union. This conference will be similar to the school of methods, which precedes the national convention.

A question box each day will be an interesting and instructive feature. One evening will be devoted to a matron's grand gold medal contest. Mrs. C. M. Woodward will have charge of the memorial hour Friday morning.

As Fairbury is the home of Mrs. C. E. Welton, the state superintendent of domestic science, there will be a special demonstration from that department. There is to be a complete revision of the constitution and by-laws.

Mrs. D. C. Johns, president of the Douglas county union, will head the delegation which goes from the various unions of the county. The Omaha delegation expects to leave Monday afternoon.

The Nebraska Daughters of 1812 will hold their opening meeting for the new season with George B. Darr, 632 South Thirty-eighth street, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The five real daughters, of whom the chapter is justly proud, since few chapters in the country can boast an equal number, are to be present at this meeting, "Real Daughters' Day." These "real daughters" are Mrs. T. R. Roy of Lincoln, Mrs. C. E. Adams of Superior, Mrs. S. S. Peters of Omaha, Mrs. Elizabeth Stearns of Omaha and Mrs. L. W. Dickinson of Humphrey, will each give a paper telling of her father's actual experiences in the war of 1812.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Herbert W. Gates, the senior director, Mrs. J. J. Stubbs, will preside at the meeting. In addition to the papers of the "real daughters," the program will include a vocal solo, "The Lass With the Delicate Air," Miss Grace Doolittle; instrumental solo, "En Courant," Miss Ruth Sherwood.

The central committee, which has in charge the plans for the big jubilee missionary meeting in October will meet Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Young Women's Christian association to receive the reports of the sub-committees on arrangements.

The Dundee Woman's club will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Ferguson, 5026 California street. James Fenimore Cooper will be the subject of study. Mrs. D. C. Dodds is leader.

The people of the Old People's home have important dates for this week. First Tuesday is the monthly donation day, an informal reception day when the board of directors are at the home to receive visitors and also to accept the donations which the callers may bring for the home. At this season of the year canned fruits and vegetables are a gift most acceptable. The Woman's club of the Railway Mail service, which last Wednesday gave a program at the home for the entertainment of the old people, also donated to the supply of foodstuffs.

Friday afternoon the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church will give a luncheon in the church dining room and the people of the Old People's home will be their guests. A regular missionary program and business meeting will follow, which will be given for the entertainment of the old people.

The Omaha chapter of the American Woman's league held a special meeting Thursday and elected the following new members: Miss Zadie Dorsey, Mrs. S. J. Hunt, Mrs. Helen E. Liggett, Schmoller & Mueller company, Miss Josephine Craig, Mrs. Jeannette M. White of South Omaha, Mrs. W. B. Howard, Mrs. Ida M. Baum, Mrs. Rose Gay, Miss Alice Harper, Mrs. Emma Sprague Mrs. Mary E. Hayes. The regular meetings of the league are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Washington Social Gossip

Resident Circle Already Shows Signs of Life, Although the Season Will Not Be in Full Swing Before December—Supreme Court Set First to Get Together—New Hostesses to Be Noted for the Coming Season.

BY CONSTANCE CARRUTHERS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(Special to The Bee.)—While society is still very dull in the nation's capital, there are signs of awakening and indications point to an unusually brilliant season.

Really the season will not open until congress meets in December, but even now the resident circle has almost entirely assembled from their various summer houses and visiting places and is busy, weeks before the official and diplomatic entertaining has begun.

The diplomats are slow in returning and will not be in their various embassies and legations here for a month, except for here and there an industrious and ambitious one. The centennial celebration in Mexico and the Pan-American conference and independence celebration in Chile are all detaining a large number.

The secretary of agriculture comes in the vanguard of the administration circle, the secretary of state before the end of the month and several of his conferees by October 1.

The president and Mrs. Taft will not take any part in the social life of the city until their return from the Panama inspection trip.

According to the president's plans now made, he and Mrs. Taft will leave here immediately after the fall elections, accompanied by a party of friends and escorts, for Panama. Just who will be in this favored group is not yet announced, but it safe to predict that it will include Miss Mabel Boardman. Captain Archibald Butt, who has been military aide to the president for lo these many months, will also go along.

By the time President and Mrs. Taft are ready to set sail from Old Point for this southern trip the secretary of war and Mrs. Dickinson, with their congenial party, will have returned from their tour around the world; the attorney general and Mrs. Wickersham and the secretary of commerce and labor and Mrs. Nagel will be at home from a delightful late summer sojourn in Alaska. The secretary of the navy and Mrs. Meyer will also have made their last tour of the season on the Dolphin, and the army and navy officers detailed as inspectors of forts and stations from Maine to California and from Alaska to Florida will be again in Washington.

The supreme court, always the first circle to reassemble in its entirety, will be thoroughly established in winter quarters by the second Monday in October, the constitutionally appointed date for the fall opening of the country's highest tribunal. Society is on the qui vive of expectancy concerning its coming, for never before has there been so many new ones at one time as will this year represent this august, though small, group of men and women.

There are three new official hostesses this coming season of whom much is expected. Of these Mrs. Charles E. Hughes is comparatively a stranger here, while the other two, Mrs. Leonard Wood, wife of the chief of staff of the United States army, and Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, whose husband succeeds the late Senator Daniel of Virginia, have already a large acquaintance and many friends here. Mrs. Wood, indeed, was a much feted belle—Miss Conditt-Smith—during a girlhood residence in Washington, while Mrs. Swanson, during her husband's service in the house of representatives, was a prominent and attractive figure in oficial life.

The former governor of New York will take the oath as associate justice of the supreme court October 10, when that tribunal convenes for its winter session.

Some weeks before that date the Hughes family is expected to move into the handsome residence in Massachusetts avenue which they have rented. Justice and Mrs. Hughes will be universally welcomed as genuine acquisitions to Washington society. The personality of Mrs. Hughes has always appealed to Washingtonians and she made a charming impression on all who met her during her rare visits here.

As the wife of a supreme court justice, Mrs. Hughes will, it is believed, find herself amid congenial surroundings. The "court" families have their own distinct place, an enviable one, be it said, in the many cliques and sets which go to form Washington's complex society, and in which they are acknowledged leaders. One of the four state receptions at the White House, the second in the series, is annually given in honor of the justices of the supreme court and their families, and by an old and honored Washington tradition, Monday is set aside as the "at home" day of the justices' wives. Following the reception in their honor at the White House, there is a dinner at which they are also the guests of honor.

In addition, "court" families are recipients of such official entertaining. Famous foreigners are certain to wish to meet the members of a tribunal which is regarded as the bulwark of the greatest republic in the world.

The position of Mrs. Hughes in this dignified circle will be unique, for she will be the youngest matron in the supreme court circle.

The many Washington friends of Mrs. Kenneth G. Castleman, who is ill at Newport, are rejoiced to hear that her condition shows much improvement. Mrs. Castleman was formerly the beautiful Miss Jessie St. John Norton of Louisville and one of the leading belles of the city when she was married seven years ago to Lieutenant Castleman of the navy. She is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Augustus Hone of Kentucky, who was greatly admired in New York about five years ago, when, as Miss Alice Castleman, famed for her beauty in the southland, she attended a number of smart functions.

One of the first of the autumn brides at Washington will be Miss Katherine Leech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick Leach, and Lieutenant Thurston Hughes, United States army. Like most military weddings, the date hinges somewhat upon the bridegroom's ability to get leave at a given time. It was understood, however, before the summer exodus began that Miss Leach's wedding probably would be the first coming together of smart circles in the autumn, and that a date in early October had been selected.

pastor of Trinity Methodist church, of-

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver announce the marriage of their daughter, Marguerite, to Mr. Walter Jerome Worthen. The wedding took place, the Rev. H. S. France, ficiating. Mr. and Mrs. Worthen left after the ceremony for Portland, Ore., where they will make their home.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Cropley has left Washington for Des Moines, Ia., to visit her brother. From there she goes to Wichita, Kan., to visit her sister, Mrs. Edwin Spaulding, formerly Miss Rosa Hilton of this city.

Miss Nye, daughter of Representative Frank M. Nye of Minneapolis, Minn., is now at her home in the far west. According to gossip among her friends in the city, her engagement is shortly to be announced to a Minneapolis man. Miss Nye, who was in Washington during the last congressional session, was much admired.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh is still at her home at Bar Harbor, Me., she deciding to remain there for some weeks following the leaving of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beale McLean, who are now on their way to Europe.

Miss Theodore Mendel of Denver, Colo., who has been the guest of her uncle, Mr. Charles Mendel of Brookland, was given a farewell party by the many friends she made during her visit previous to her departure for her western home.

Personal Notes from Gotham

Society Finds the Chanler-Cavalieri Affair the Choicest of Morsels and This Brings Up the Likelihood of Colonel Astor and His Wife Reuniting in Marriage—Philadelphia Looms Up as Purchaser of Titles

BY MARGARET WATTS DEPEYSTER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(Special to The Bee.)—Society is enjoying the Chanler-Cavalieri affair more than ever it did, the select monkey dinner. There is usually very little sympathy for a man in Sheriff Bob's position and there is less than usual for him, as the career of La Cavalieri was so thoroughly well known that he should have known better.

One of the most amusing features of the affair are the audible chuckles of John Armstrong Challoner, who cannot come to New York because of a decree of the counts declaring him insane. This action was taken at the instance of the family and Mr. Challoner, who changed the spelling of his name to show the esteem in which he held the family, is having all sorts of of fun at the expense of his unfortunate brother.

The affairs of another branch of the powerful Astor family are engaging a share of the attention of society. The rumor persists that Colonel John Jacob Astor ,and his devoted wife are about to make up. The story goes that the children have been very earnestly trying to bring Colonel and Mrs. Astor together and with a fair chance of success.

How much there is in the report is hard to tell but the story is taken with a good deal of seriousness.

When Vincent Astor, their son, was at Newport, he called daily on his mother and spent much time with her up to the time of joining his father on the yacht Noma for a trip to Bar Harbor. Murial has been continuously with her mother, but she frankly avows her eagerness to go to Colonel Astor this month, when she may visit him in conformity with the decree of divorce.

Muriel has her own automobile, the gift of her father. Recently she has driven her mother several times in that vehicle to Beechwood, the William Astor property. The visits have been ostensibly to call on William Boyd, gardener and caretaker for ten years, and his family. Mrs. Astor looked really pleased to recall old associations in this way.

She may have enjoyed nothing else in Newport this season, for while she attends all the social functions, it is a common remark that she never looks happy.

That Elkins-Abruzzi affair is growing tiresome.

From some things I have heard from inside sources I am inclined to believe there has been nothing in the affair except newspaper talk.

Though New York and Chicago have bought the great majority of titles for rich young heiresses, Philadelphia now is laying claim to more consideration in this respect. Margaretta Drexel, daughter of Anthony Drexel, who married Viscount Maidstone, is the latest of a string of wealthy young women who now have titles. Baroness Jacques de Boyer de Fonscolombe de Meyronnet de San Marc of France was Ellen Nixon Wain, niece of Jacob Wain, multimillionaire. Her mother is Mrs. G. Jayson Waters, one of the leaders in Philadelphia's smart set. More than a year ago the wedding of Elizabeth Liston Cochran, daughter of George Cochran, a millionaire, and Count George Ginoux de Fermon, attracted much attention. The bride was an unusually beautiful girl. About a year ago Fernanda Wanamaker, daughter of Rodman Wanamaker, was married to Arturo de Heeren, son of a Spanish nobleman. While Alice Blight, a wealthy and attractive Philadelphia girl, did not wed a nobleman, she gained in Gerald Lowther, formerly British minister of Tangiers, a wealthy, accomplished, and talented young man.

Mr. Daniel B. Fearing of Newport was the first person who tasted a cantelope cocktail in the Plaza cafe for Mons. Lattard, the head waiter, originally made the dish and then sent it to him for his opinion. It has since been enjoyed by many diners at the Plaza, who pronounce it delicious. To make it, Mons. Lattard says, serve sponfuls of canteloupe in a high glass and cover with a transparent liquid made in the following proportions: Honey, one-sixth; brandy, one-sixth; pineapple juice, one-third; quinquina, one-third, and a dash of absinthe.

Lady Herbert, widow of Sir Michael Herbert, formerly British ambassador to Washington, will arrive in New York in a few weeks. She is coming over to visit her father, Richard T. Wilson, in the metropolis, and will be accompanied by her sons, Sidney and Michael George Herbert.

Lady Herbert's arrival probably will be the signal for her sister, Mrs. Ogden Goelet, to take her annual trip abroad. The Wilson sisters, Lady Herbert, Mrs. George Goelet and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, are devoted to their father, and since he has become an invalid, at least one of them is always near him. Mrs. Vanderbilt now is cruising in foreign waters with Mr. Vanderbilt on board his yacht, the North Star.

Newport, as usual, has opened the season of fashionable weddings and from now on until the dawn of debaunte's day in late November, the interest of small circles will center in their brides and bridegrooms. The marriage of Miss Irene Sherman and Mr. Lawrence L. Gillespie at the Newport home of the bride's parents last Thursday, was to have been followed this Thursday by the marriage at Newport of Miss Edith Deacon, one of a group of sisters no less noted as belles than the Sherman sisters have been, to Mr. George L. Peabody. Miss Deacon's wedding, like that of Miss Sherman, was to have been a home ceremony, taking place at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. Charles H. Baldwin.

Owing to Mr. Peabody's recent illness, however, resulting from a sunstroke in July, the postponement of this wedding until January has just been announced. Both Miss Deacon and the bride of last week have been so prominent that all outdoor accomplishments that are essential to the belle of today as are the graces of the drawing room and ball room, that it seemed especially fitting their weddings should take place there.

WOMEN'S CLUBS IN FEDERATION

Practical Things Done by an Organization with Membership of 800,000 Women.

Some of the practical things done by the General Federation of Women's clubs and its influence in promoting civic progress are sketched in the October Century by Hildegarde Hawthorne. The writer says in part:

The development of the woman's club in scope, modernity, activity and efficiency is a truly amazing thing. It is a case of spiritual evolution, during which a small personal motive has been transmuted into a great and altruistic force. The wisdom of the ages has often proved that it is only what you give away that you can ever possess, and the woman's clubs have proved it again. The woman who belongs to a Browning club for the sake of the personal culture to be achieved doubtless gets a return that is not to be spoken of lightly. But the woman who joins a civics club, and is the means of bringing cleanliness and order out of the dirt and confusion of her town, or of replacing graft by honesty, or of establishing free baths and reading-rooms, or of saving some natural beauty or historic landmark from destruction, such woman acquires a poise, a security, a knowledge of her own capabilities and limitations that go to strengthen the very fiber of her life, and must become a valuable asset to the race.

It was impossible for anyone who attended the tenth biennial of the General Federation at Cincinnati this year not to be deeply impressed with two facts. One of these was the directness, the business-like methods and the willingness to work displayed by the major part of the women assembled, and the other, and the more important, was the really extraordinary democracy of the movement. This democracy was the distinguished characteristic of that great gathering of women from every state and almost every social environment comprised in the union; it was a welding of woman into woman, and it is difficult to overestimate the meaning of such a development.

An interesting recognition of the power of the federation to get things done is one of the signs of the times. Men with a plan for constructive or preventative legislation like to get the woman's clubs behind them. It was the New Jersey federation that saved the Palisades. It was the effort of the general federation that passed a pure food bill.

A part of the influence of the federation lies, doubtless, in its immense power of publicity. Composed of some 12,000 clubs, with a membership of 800,000 women, it can reach the entire country, and when it votes to push a certain measure it is able to exert a personal and local power in every part of the country. When Henry Turner Bailey lectured on art at the last biennial, he voiced a plan for the mountain-laurel as the national flower, adducing a numerous array of excellent reason for its selection, and assuring the women that their support was the one needed factor.

The insistence on the civic work of the federation may seem excessive but it is only necessary to glance over the programs of the various clubs and state federations to see how strong is the trend in that direction. The clubs that, to quote Mrs. Decker, have come to believe in "Doing rather than Dante, and Being rather than Browning" find in civil labor a field close at hand, and one that cries to be tilled. Nevertheless, there is a vast amount of work in other directions that is occupying the federation, whose departments include, besides civics, art, civil service reform, education, food sanitation, forestry, health, household economics, industrial and child labor conditions, legislation, literature and library extension. These departments have at their head women of proved efficiency, who are assisted by capable and carefully chosen co-workers. In addition, there exists the immensely important bureau of information, located at Portsmouth, to which every club may appeal for continuous or co-related programs, outlines for study, answers to perplexing questions, books and literature of various kinds, and where, above all, it may keep in touch with the other clubs in the federation.

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