

Among the Women's Clubs

Bishop-Elect Beecher Speaks at Open Meeting of Omaha Woman's Club Monday—Omaha Society of Fine Arts Plans a Picture Exhibit—Announcements of Club Meetings and Gossip Among the Members.

THE civil service reform department of the Woman's club has charge of the program for the Monday meeting and is planning to make it a large and important meeting. Dean Beecher will talk on the recent American Prison congress, held in Washington, D. C. The committee invited the city officials and the civil service employees, members of the Nebraska State Association of Visiting Nurses, the Mo Sigma, the Women's club of the railway mail service, the Century Literary club of South Omaha, the Benson Woman's club, the Dundee Women's club, the mayor, the clergy and local members of the Missouri Medical Association to attend and take part in the discussion of civil service reform law, which is to follow the talk. All of these organizations have already indicated their interest in the subject which will be discussed.

This meeting was arranged by an exchange with the current topics department, which will have charge of the December 12 meeting, when Governor-elect Aldrich will be the speaker.

The semi-annual meeting of the Woman's auxiliary of the Episcopal church of Nebraska will be held Wednesday, November 16, in St. James' church, Fremont. Mrs. A. K. Gault, president of the auxiliary; Mrs. W. H. Millard, secretary; Mrs. Arthur L. Williams, Mrs. Van Notstrand and Mrs. F. H. Cole of Omaha will attend the meeting, the program of which is:

Holy communion, 9:45 a. m., Right Rev. Arthur L. Williams, bishop of Nebraska, celebrant; assisted by Rev. H. W. Frost; business meeting at 10:30 o'clock; report of the general convention at Cincinnati; Rev. F. C. Taylor of Central City; report of Woman's auxiliary convention at Cincinnati, Mrs. W. B. Millard.

The guests will be entertained at luncheon at the rectory and the meeting resumed at 2 o'clock. An address of welcome will be given by Rev. H. W. Frost. Paper, "Life and Work of Miss Lillis Crumner," Mrs. F. H. Cole; address, Bishop Williams.

Under the patronage of the Omaha Society of the Fine Arts, Mrs. Frances Munnagh of New York will give an exhibit of her water color pictures at the Omaha public library, beginning Saturday, the 19th, and lasting one week. There are forty pictures. They will be hung in the room directly opposite the stairway on the third floor, next to the lecture room.

Mrs. Munnagh is a pupil of William A. Chase, Robert Henri and Louis Mora. She has won honors at the New York School of Art and with the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe club, and has exhibited successfully in the American art galleries (May, 1928) and in the new galleries on West Thirty-first street (1929). Twice she has made painting tours abroad. Last summer she spent along the New England coast in quest of artistic material. The pictures to be exhibited here are largely the result of this tour.

Mrs. Munnagh is very charmingly situated in New York. Her acquaintances in artistic circles in wide. It is hoped that one afternoon of the exhibit may be devoted to an informal studio talk.

Reports from the state conference recently held at Seward and also an interesting talk on the work which will be done by the Chicago chapters is being made the meeting of the Omaha chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, held Monday at the home of Mrs. Charles Pickens, 113 North Thirty-ninth street, one of unusual interest.

Mrs. Cope of Chicago was a guest of the chapter and the speaker of the hour. Her chapter is doing in the schools of Chicago, and among the foreign children to promote patriotic appreciation of our country's history.

Miss Fannie Adams gave a report of the business at the state conference and Mrs. David Cole told of the social side of the conference.

Mrs. George Strain presided during the program, which included interesting papers on "Early Days of Oregon," Mrs. Edgar Allen; "Ezra Meezer and His Work," Mrs. W. R. Heller; the reading of the poem, "To the Men Who Mark the Trail," Mrs. A. C. Troup; Mrs. Garrett and Miss Aline Hial gave instrumental and vocal solos.

As a member of the committee from the state charities and corrections which has in charge the formulating of a bill to be proposed to the state legislature as an amendment of the present state civil service law, Mrs. Frederick H. Cole has been invited to go to Lincoln to meet with this committee and also the general conference of committees, which is to be held at the Lindell hotel Wednesday. This civil service reform bill is also one in which the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs is much interested and for the promotion of which it has a working committee. The Omaha Woman's club was one of the first organizations to take the action of recommendation for the civil service reform law.

Mrs. Arthur Bowman will be leader at the meeting of the Omaha Society of Fine Arts, which will be held Thursday, Jean Francois Millet, 1834-1875, "chief of the painters of rustic genre," will be the subject of study.

The Story Tellers' league will meet Thursday afternoon from "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Mrs. George M. Cooper, Mrs. C. W. Axell; miscellaneous, Mrs. G. D. Rice.

The Dorcas Sewing club, an organization of twelve women, who meet every two weeks to sew for the various charitable institutions, met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Jorgensen. At this meeting the time was spent in fashioning garments for some needy children. The next meeting will be held Friday, November 26, with Mrs. Joseph Kelley, 226 Hinnay street.

The literature department of the Woman's club will meet Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock with Mrs. A. B. Somers as leader. The subject, "Humorists as Historians," will be continued from last lesson and two books by Mark Twain will be reviewed—"The Golden Age," by Mrs. A. B. Somers, and "Roughing It," by Mrs. Lankey Smith.

Plans for the annual donation day, always an important day in the calendar of the Old People's Home, will be completed at the meeting of the board of directors which is to be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Young Women's Christian association.

Wednesday is the donation day when the board keeps open house and the boxes distributed for contributions are returned by the contributors.

At its second program which was given Thursday, the music department of the Woman's club enjoyed an afternoon of special interest. The leader, Miss Blanche Soranson, had arranged a program of songs which were given by Mrs. Frank L. Waldson of Cedar Rapids, Ia., who is not only a vocalist, but a composer and pianist as well and her songs included several of her own composition.

Current topics department of the Woman's club will give the first kenning of the season Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. G. P. Moorhead. All the new members of the club are specially invited to share in the afternoon. There will be a program of music. The hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. J. L. Adams, Mrs. Isaac Douglas, Mrs. Charles Hemple and Mrs. C. B. Coom.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities is one of the many state organizations that are in a way subsidiary to the National League, and the work they do is very similar to the work that is done by that body. The program includes addresses by experts upon various city problems and discussions of all the phases of city government and administration. One of the plans at present under consideration is to establish for this state a bureau of municipal information that will be of benefit to officers and legislatures. City Clerk Dan Butler of Omaha is a member of the committee that has this matter under investigation.

Judge Berka will attend this year's convention with the intention of bringing it to this city for next year if possible. It has met here before.

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Personal Notes from Gotham

Mrs. McKim Gives Emphatic Denial to Rumor of Engagement to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt—Letter Preparing to Entertain Big Party—Ewing-Fleitmann Wedding a Notable Affair—Miss Bradley to Wed.

BY MARGARET WATTS DE FEYSTER.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—(Special to The Bee.)—Mr. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has moved into the house No. 11 East Sixty-second street, which he leased from his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto G. Fabbri. The latter are at the Plaza pending their departure for Europe November 16, where they will spend the winter. Mr. Vanderbilt will entertain a large party at dinner by way of a housewarming Wednesday next.

Mrs. Smith Hollins McKim emphatically denied on Friday that she was married to Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, and with great emphasis she denied she was engaged to him.

The most recent step of a marriage started in the Hotel Plaza, New York, where each stayed. They gave up their respective apartments on Thursday and departed without announcing destinations. In the afternoon they were seen together on the aviation field at Belmont Park. Then, with the wings of a giant aeroplane, rumor soared up and down Fifth avenue spreading the tale that they were married.

When Mrs. McKim said: "I am not married to Mr. Vanderbilt, and I am not engaged to him," her eyes flashed. "I have no expectations of becoming engaged to anybody."

Colonel Isaac Emerson, her father, stood beside her as she talked. He nodded confirmation to everything she said.

Ambassador of Austria-Hungary and Baroness Hengelmuller have gone to Washington from New York where they were in attendance at the aviation meet. Baron and Baroness Hengelmuller and their little daughter, Baroness Milla Hengelmuller, left Washington last spring to be in their own country at the time of former President and Mrs. Roosevelt's arrival there on their tour of Europe. They returned to this country to spend the summer at Bar Harbor and the autumn at Lenox.

Miss Clara Fleitmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Fleitmann, of 42 West Seventy-seventh street, and James G. Blaine Ewing, the youngest son of the late General Charles Ewing of Ohio and Washington, D. C., were married at the home of the bride's parents Thursday. Miss Fleitmann's attendants were her sister, Miss Paula Fleitmann, and her two little nieces, daughters of Mrs. Alexander Watson of Bremen. Mr. Ewing's brother, John H. Ewing, was his best man. Relatives and intimate friends only attended the ceremony, which was followed by a reception. Mr. Ewing is a grandson of

Thomas Ewing, United States senator from Ohio, and secretary of the treasury under President William H. Harrison in 1833. On his mother's side he is a grandson of John K. Miller of Ohio, member of congress for many years. He is also a nephew of the late General W. T. Sherman.

At the meeting of the Society of New York State Women, Mrs. Gerard Banker, president, held at the Waldorf-Astoria Thursday, Mrs. Walter E. Moore gave a talk on "The Literature of New York State," and Mrs. Thomas Vivian, president of the California club; Mrs. John Fowler Crow, chairman of music, presented Miss Brooke, contralto, and Mrs. Sweeney, soprano, in a group of songs, with Miss Crocker as accompanist.

Miss Helen Taft will return to Washington Sunday. Miss Taft has been honored at several social functions during her visit to New York. On her return to Washington Monday, Mrs. James Pilling will give a luncheon for her. On the following day she will be the guest of Mrs. Wickersham, wife of the attorney general.

Miss Taft will go to Panama week after next with the president and Mrs. Taft, and will assist in entertaining at the White House during the winter.

Invitations will soon be issued for the marriage of Miss Gladys Virginia Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson Bradley, to William Thaw, son of Mrs. William Thaw, jr., of Pittsburgh. The wedding will be celebrated at the St. Regis on Thursday afternoon, December 1. The ceremony will be performed at 4 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Daniel Worcester, rector of Christ church of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Thaw will have Frank Dorman of Pittsburgh for his best man.

A list of entertainments to be given by the Texas society of New York will begin with an entertainment at the Plaza Thursday night. A business meeting of members of the society will be held next Tuesday. The Lone Star hall will be given on Friday, January 2, also at the Plaza, and the San Jacinto dinner and cotillon on Thursday, April 21.

Lady Maxwell, who arrived in New York Friday from England, will remain in America until January. She was accompanied by her father, John Bonynge of San Francisco.

Lady Maxwell is the wife of Major General Sir John Maxwell, commanding the British military forces in Egypt. She will sail to rejoin her husband at Cairo the first of the year.

Miss Dorothea F. Wardwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lansing Ward-

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