

HOME NOTES AND SOCIAL GOSSIP

American Spirit

The independence of the servant maids in America would be appalling were it not for the equal independence of the American housewife.

One of the large and successful social affairs yesterday was an excellent example of the ability of some of the younger matrons of Omaha society.

January Wedding

Tuesday evening, January 3, will be the date of the wedding of Miss Minna Frances Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weber, to Mr. Harry O. Steel.

The wedding will be small and only relatives will be present. There will be no bridal attendants and the ceremony will be celebrated at 5 o'clock.

Pleasures Past

Hyalintha and stiva made an attractive decoration at the luncheon which Mrs. G. W. Wattles gave today in honor of Mrs. Paul Hudson of Mexico, guest of Mrs. Arthur Keele.

Mrs. Frank Bolles gave a luncheon at the Royal hotel Thursday. The guests were seated at one large table, which had for a centerpiece a low mound of red carnations.

Secret of Cake Making

As every one should know how to bake delicious cake whether she makes use of it or not, here are a few rules that are essential:

The best materials so-called cooking butter and stored eggs will make poor cake, and let no economical one persuade you otherwise.

What is known as soft A sugar makes a cake of finer grain than granulated or powdered sugar. In measuring stick rather than heap up the cup or the batter is coarse grained.

Baking powder should be measured by gently rounding, not heaped or flat, teaspoonfuls. With sour milk recipes use baking soda and cream of tartar rather than baking powder.

Never guess at measurements. Most recipes give exact proportions—which a good cook sometimes modifies. A cup, when not defined, usually means the stone china kitchen coffee cup that holds a little more than half a pint.

The richer the milk the better the cake. More than is called for is often permissible to keep the batter from getting too thick.

Stirring flour is the secret of good cake. Few realize this, as can be proved by two persons making up the same recipe with results totally different from the cook who is heavy on flour.

Judgment is important in cake mixing. Flours differ in heaviness and eggs in size, therefore to keep the batter from being too stiff see that it runs easily from the spoon, yet is not "runny."

Have all ingredients ready before beginning to mix a cake. Once started it should go into the oven quickly. One mixing bowl and two smaller ones for eggs will be needed; also a wooden paddle and a wire egg beater.

Sift flour twice before measuring and put into batter through sifter.

Get ready pans before starting cake. There is but one sure way to prevent sticking—paper the bottoms of pans and grease it, not the pan, which is only buttered on the edge.

Small cakes stick less if the pans are flat-bottomed and the sides tall rather than sloped.

Do not let cakes get cold.

Boiled white icings are preferable to the uncooked, and a soft fudge to uncooked chocolate and sugar.

Papering is no trouble if 10 cents worth of yellow wrapping paper is bought and cut in leisure moments to fit your various shaped pans.

A good cake baker makes sure that her cake pans are not used for other purposes by keeping them under lock.

In the same place have all the utensils needed and there will be no delays. Here also have an extra supply of baking powder, vanilla extracts, chocolate and the special sugar used.

Do not get more than five pounds at a time of the latter, and see that it is rolled and sifted before using.

If the mixing spoon is a wooden frame, beating is expedited. If one of these spoons cannot be bought, any carpenter can make one.

In mixing a cake, cream butter and sugar together—not with the hands. It can be done just as well and more hygienically with a spoon.

Next put in the well-beaten yolks of eggs, stirring vigorously. Add the flour and milk alternately, just stirring in and not beating.

Mix the baking powder with a little flour and sift together. After greasing, last stir in the whites of eggs beaten so stiff they adhere to plates when turned upside down.

When a cake is done it will have drawn slightly away from the edges of the pan. It can be tested by a clean straw.

Do not bake more than a delicate golden brown. If the oven is too hot and the batter burns quickly, cover with a paper.

Turn the cakes upside down on a clean towel or sheet of waxed paper.

There will be no sticking, which means have papered and greased properly. Otherwise, if cakes stick put wet cloth over bottoms of pans for a minute.

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BERG SUITS ME A Crackerjack! Last week's Half Price Sale was the biggest in this store's history... Our Overcoats Men's Suits... The Berg Clothing Co. 15th & Douglas

For the Future

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fogau gave a bridge dinner last evening at their home for Mrs. Scudmore of Casey, Ill., who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilcox.

Mrs. Scudmore, Mrs. Grant Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fogau, Miss Irma Stables.

Mrs. Roy Moore was hostess at a Kensington yesterday afternoon in honor of her house guests, Mrs. Maud A. Wallace and Miss Ada Charlton of Peoria, Ill.

Mrs. Allen Palmer has issued invitations for a large bridge party to be given Tuesday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. C. E. Hutchins will entertain at a large Kensington Friday afternoon, January 20.

Mrs. May Auld will entertain at a bridge luncheon next Thursday afternoon at her home in honor of her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Peterson, who is spending the winter here.

Mrs. Clara Baird and Mrs. Earl Kiplinger, who entertained at bridge yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Baird, gave the second of the series of bridge parties this afternoon.

Mrs. May Auld gave a matinee party at the Hippodrome this afternoon in honor of Mr. George G. Carey, who leaves soon of residence in Topeka, Kan.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. R. Smith entertained at dinner last evening at their home, Fortia and Nicholas streets, in honor of Mrs. H. C. Reida, who has come to Omaha to make her home.

A bridge party was given Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farrell at their home. Those present were:

Er. and Mrs. W. N. Edward, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kodman, Mr. and Mrs. Theodor Tillotson, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freland, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Kytis, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gould, jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farrell.

An informal afternoon of bridge was given today by Mrs. C. B. Cohn at her apartments at the Shrine in honor of Mrs. Scudmore, guest of Mrs. R. E. Wilcox. Two tables were played for bridge.

Mrs. Glenn C. Wharton was hostess at a delightful informal tea this afternoon at her home from 4 to 5 o'clock. The guests of honor were Miss West of Toledo, O., who is the guest of Mrs. P. Kirkland and Miss Metta Ward of Franklin, Penn., guest of Mrs. Mary Dargatz.

All the world loves a lover—with the exception of his rival.

Any husband who is made good by nagging will lose his wife.

To be at peace with your neighbors often means war with yourself.

The man who is the first to give advice is usually the last to take it.

Occasionally a woman has a faint suspicion that she is going to swoon.

And many a man who calls a lady a spade should have his foot with a knife.

Woman's Work

Activities of Various Organized Bodies Along the Lines of Undertaking of Concern to Women.

Miss Ida V. Jontz, secretary of the Associated Charities will leave for Lincoln Saturday morning to arrange the Omaha exhibit at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Conference of Charities and Correction, which will be held January 15 to 17.

That publicity is an important factor in charity work is the opinion of Miss Jontz, and her exhibit will be arranged along the line of publicity.

The publicity, system of registration and office detail used here, and the work from the industrial department.

Many Omaha residents have accepted places on the program. Bishop Meschter will speak on the "Recent Phases of Prison Reform" and Judge Leo Estelle will deliver an address on "A System of Probation for Adult Offenders in Nebraska."

Other Omahans who will deliver addresses are Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, E. D. Gibson, Dr. A. W. Clark, Judge A. L. Sutton, Dr. F. G. Anderson, Dr. H. H. McCannan, Miss Ida V. Jontz and Mrs. P. H. Cole.

The current topics department of the Women's club is planning to hold a Kensington Tuesday afternoon January 24, in place of the regular meeting of the department.

The new bureau will also be expected to furnish definite information to inquiries about Nebraska, not in a general way, but in a specific way—practically placing itself in a position to show the value of every section of land in the state and its possibilities of production.

Thousands of such inquiries are now being received and without funds the State Board of Agriculture and the commissioner of labor are attempting to answer them the best they can.

Follow Other States.

The committee which has worked out the plan for the state association of commercial clubs consists of S. R. McKelvey, editor of the Nebraska Farmer, R. M. Mangan, editor of the Beatrice Sun and Will A. Campbell, manager of the Omaha Commercial club publicity bureau.

These men have definite information from many states, one of them having visited the capital of every state in the west and looked up what is being done to give the world the proper kind of information about the various states. They say Nebraska and Iowa are now doing the least and all Iowa is working for an appropriation of \$100,000 to do the work Nebraska proposes to organize for \$25,000.

The reason given for desiring the bureau to the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture is that it is becoming more and more the duty of such boards in various states to do such work and the general public looks to the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture for such information. This is shown by the enormous number of inquiries received by the board.

The board of agriculture has about 100 members for its annual meetings in touch with every part of the state, all public spirited men who give their time freely and would lend their influence and assistance to such a bureau more readily if it were under their board of managers.

Lincoln Exchange and Others Favor the Appropriation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 13.—Special.—The advertising of Nebraska as an attractive place for immigrating residents of other states and a place where every man who wants one can get a home and achieve prosperity is the object of a meeting of state real estate dealers which will be held here January 17. The idea was given a big boost by the real estate dealers' meeting at York, but other exchanges have taken it

Publicity Bill is Ready

Legislature to be Asked for Appropriation to Advertise State.

GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS PASSAGE Money to be Expended Under the Direction of the State Board of Agriculture—To Hire a Manager.

Details have become known here of the bill which will be introduced into the legislature next week appropriating \$35,000 to establish a state publicity and immigration bureau.

The bill is backed by the governor who recommends it specifically and by the State Association of Commercial Clubs, the Nebraska Press association and the advertising clubs of the state. One hundred and eighty-four Nebraska newspapers are also behind the bill and the State Board of Agriculture and various influential business men's organizations.

The appropriation is to be expended under the direction of the State Board of Agriculture, a legally constituted body, which shall hire a competent newspaper writer with some experience in legislative publicity work, together with one assistant.

With this force the legislature expects to furnish definite information to inquiries about Nebraska, not in a general way, but in a specific way—practically placing itself in a position to show the value of every section of land in the state and its possibilities of production.

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The director of the Omaha Women's club held a special meeting Wednesday afternoon to discuss several matters of importance which are to be brought before the club at its session Monday.

Mrs. C. S. Lobingier, formerly a prominent member of the Omaha chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is now regent of the chapter at Manila, P. I.

Mrs. Lobingier's husband is judge advocate in the Philippines. She writes the Manila chapter is of good size and most interesting in personnel.

By unanimous vote of the national executive board, the next annual meeting of the national society will take place at Atlantic City, N. J. The headquarters will probably be at the Marlborough-Blenheim and the chairman of the program committee will be Mrs. B. C. Whitely of Detroit.

The meeting will be April 24, 25, 26 and possibly the 27. Two invitations came to the society for this meeting, one from the Business Men's League at St. Louis, the other from Atlantic City.

Letters were received at national headquarters from Mrs. Wiles of Illinois, Mrs. Gates of Nebraska, Mrs. Mitchell of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Merton of New York asking to have the annual congress held at Washington, D. C.

ROAD FIGHTS OVER TINY SUM

Missouri Pacific and Alleged Strike-breaker Warring Over Two-Dollar Costs.

With all the essential facts relating to the controversy between H. C. Chilton and the Missouri Pacific railroad settled, the two sides are now in a deadly struggle over the question of who shall pay the costs. Chilton, who is said to have been a strike-breaker for the company, sued for \$145 alleged to be owing him, and caused an attachment to be made on certain of the road's property.

The case was brought up in Justice of the Peace Crockett's court. Chilton at first insisted that the attachment be made upon the railroad timetable, which would have tied up the traffic at that point, but Constable H. D. Pierson levied on five office desks of the road instead. The costs of the case are \$250 now, but will be \$5 before the hearing is held next week.

Reliable Root Vegetables

Supplant Southern Stuff

by the trained cook, but the choice cuts come high. For instance a rib roast of beef varies in price from 12 1/2 cents to 20 cents a pound.

Chickens are becoming scarce. They retail this week at from 16 to 20 cents a pound. Turkeys are quoted as scarce at 25 cents a pound; ducks, 20 cents; geese, 18 cents.

Potatoes in some places have dropped to 10 cents a bushel. At others the earlier price of \$1.10 is maintained. The price varies with the potato and the place in which it is grown.

The wholesale prices are: Hens, 14 1/2 cents; springs, 14 1/2 cents; turkeys, 25 cents; ducks, 18 cents; geese, 15 cents; squabs, homers, 34; fancy, \$2.50; No. 1, \$2.

The root vegetables which were our ancestors' standbys in the winter season are at hand for the modern housewife. Beets, turnips and carrots are three pounds for 10 cents. Sweet potatoes are 5 cents a bushel.

To show the jump that other garden stuff has taken, celery is now 20 and 30 cents a bunch, head lettuce 20 cents, radishes, which are grown locally, are 5 cents a bunch.

In the luxury classification is a wonderful grape which comes from England. In market parlance it is the "English hot-house grape." The fruit is dark red in color. Each grape is large and meaty and the bunch is truly beautiful to look at.

As a bunch weighs about two pounds and as the average price is \$1.50 a pound, it will be readily understood why it is more usual to admire the appearance than it is to comment on the taste of the grape.

Butter is a variation in this week's tale of woe. Butter has gone down a cent. Country butter sells for 23, 25 and 32 cents a pound; creamery butter 38 cents. Eggs remain 35 and 40 cents a dozen.

Meat prices, likewise, promise to be higher if the winter weather holds. It is possible to get the cheaper cuts of beef, and these may be used to good advantage.

Park Improvements Waiting on Weather

Betterment Work to be Resumed as Soon as Conditions Permit—Meeting Postponed.

Because of a lack of a quorum the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners scheduled for Thursday morning, was postponed indefinitely. The purpose of the meeting was to open bids for the furnishing of material for improvement of boulevards.

Plans call for improvement of South Central boulevard from Twentieth to Twenty-fifth street, West Central boulevard from Woolworth avenue to the north line of Poppington avenue, Lincoln boulevard from Cumings street to Thirty-eighth street, South Central boulevard from Thirtieth to Twentieth street, and Florence boulevard from Chicago street to Cumings street.

Work on these improvements will be started as soon as weather conditions permit. The commission plans extensive repairs this season, as it is estimated about \$25,000 will be available.

Cold weather put a stop to the construction work on the concrete wall in Carter park. The laborers were laid off Thursday night, but work will begin again as soon as the weather moderates.

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CITY BACKS UP ITS CHARGES

Answer is Made in Injunction Suit Filed by Employment Agencies Against City.

Answer to the injunction suit of the Co-operative Reference company and the Western Reference and Bond company to restrain the city of Omaha and City License Inspector R. A. Schneider from enforcing city ordinances governing the employment agency business was filed by the city and Inspector Schneider in district court Thursday.

The answer alleges that the ordinances are constitutional and that the city and Mr. Schneider were acting within their rights when they threatened to cancel the companies' licenses. It alleges that the companies are charging 20 per cent of the first month's salary for securing positions, when the law permits a maximum charge of but 10 per cent and that they require payment before the positions are furnished, despite the fact that the law prohibits taking fees until the positions actually have been furnished.

Cruiser Washington Damaged. WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Another link has been added to the singular chain of accidents which have befallen United States naval vessels within the last week.

The big armored cruiser Washington has blown off the high pressure port cylinder head and as a result is now en route from the Caribbean sea to Hampton Roads for repairs. There were no casualties.

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