

Among the Women's Clubs

Medical Instruction in Public Schools—Nebraska Park Reserve Topic for Woman's Club Meeting—Prominent Women Expected for Omaha Land Show—Inspector of Weights at Household Economic Meeting.

THE need of medical inspection in the public schools will be considered by the Omaha Woman's club at its meeting Monday afternoon. This topic, which is suggested by the civic committee, which is in charge of the first half of the program, will be treated first by Dr. Della Lynch, one of the club members, and will be followed by a discussion.

Another important topic to be considered at the meeting is the matter of the proposed state park reserve. Dr. Carl Stooker, president of Bellevue college, will speak of this subject. The forestry committee is in charge of this second half of the program and has also arranged to have two special musical numbers—piano solos by Mr. James Colvin. He will play impromptu opus 26 (Chopin) and concert Etude (Liszt).

Mrs. G. W. Cherrington is chairman of the civic committee and Mrs. William Barry of the forestry committee.

The business program is to be called at 2:30 o'clock. The club has been invited to cooperate with the federal club of South Omaha and Council Bluffs and have charge of an afternoon at the Omaha Land show. The matter will be discussed at the Monday meeting.

A number of prominent women are expected to visit in Omaha within the next two weeks, attending the Land show as experts in their departments, speakers on the program of their states' special days. Many other well known women, wives of the men who come as special guests, are expected to be here.

Colorado women are in the forefront of the woman movement and Colorado women are to have a prominent part in the program of Colorado day, January 25. It has been announced that the former superintendent of instruction in the state, Mrs. Cook, and the present superintendent, Mrs. Wilson, and also Mrs. Helen Grenfell, three well known women, will be on the program.

The inspector of weights and measures, Mr. John Grant Peeg, will give a talk on "Diabonnet Weights and Measures" at the meeting of the household economic department of the Woman's club Thursday. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock.

The Omaha Woman's Suffrage association will hold its annual business meeting for election of officers at the Brandeis club rooms Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The reports for the year will be read and plans for the coming year discussed, and it is important that there be a large attendance of members.

The Omaha Society of Fine Arts will meet Thursday morning. Mrs. William C. Garratt will be leader. The topic of study is Genre painters: Jean Louis Ernest Meissonier, 1815-1891; Emile Auguste Carolus-Duran, 1838; Leon Joseph Florentino Bonnat, 1834.

Mu Sigma will meet Wednesday. Mrs. Holmes will be the leader. The study includes the history of the reign of Charles II of England; paper, "John Bunyan." Mrs. Van Horn; paper, "Seventeenth Century." Mrs. Goodson.

The literature department of the Woman's club will meet Wednesday morning. Mrs. Edward Johnson will be leader. The study of Mark Twain and his works will be continued. A paper, "His More Serious Side: Reflections and Writings of His Mature Years," will be given by Mrs. C. Y. Gould; George P. Bemis will give a talk on "Personal Reminiscences of Mark Twain."

Under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Federation of Omaha, Mr. Robert Spear of the national board of the Presbyterian church will give a lecture at the Young Women's Christian Association auditorium Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The talk is open to all men and women interested in mission study.

At this meeting the first election of officers for the federation will be held.

Beginning January 18 and continuing through to January 24, Mrs. D. B. Wells of Chicago will conduct a mission study class at the Young Women's assembly room every afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Wells formerly was field secretary of the Presbyterian district of the northwest and has visited Omaha many times. She comes now under the auspices of the Women's Missionary federation.

The Women's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church Friday elected the following officers for the new year: Mrs. George Tilden, president; Mrs. Fitch, vice president; Mrs. George Abbott, secretary; Miss Fannie Adams, treasurer. The annual meeting of the society will be held February 10 and the reports of the year's work read.

The advance class and the evening class for beginners in the study of Esperanto will meet Monday evening at 7:30 in the library. Mr. Norman Stewart will lead the beginners' class.

The members of the educational classes of the Young Women's Christian association will banquet at the association Monday evening. About 600 invitations have been issued for the event. Because of the banquet, which is to be held in the main dining room, no supper will be served the public.

Mrs. William Cumming Story of New York, who is the candidate for the office of president-general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, opposing the candidacy of the present incumbent, Mrs. Matthew Scott, repeats the imputation that her candidacy will introduce a question of suffrage into the campaign.

She stated her attitude in the matter firmly in a letter which she has given out to the press. In this she says in part: "I absolutely disapprove of admitting any divisive subjects, such as religion, suffrage or suffrage, into large organizations which embrace membership from all sections of the country. I have served as presiding officer in organizations representing 60,000 women, and my record shows that I require a nonpartisan attitude on the part of the chairman in the matter of debate and deliberation. Any presiding officer who will abuse the privilege given her by the organization, and take advantage of her position to introduce and further a movement that she knows will be unsatisfactory to a great number of members, at once proves herself unworthy of the office. I have herself stood alone in demanding that subjects such as religion, suffrage and politics be barred, and when it has been impossible to avoid discussion I have insisted upon having equal debate from the affirmative and the negative.

"The assertion is made by my opponents that I desire to bring suffrage into the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution it is absolutely untrue."

The public library has a number of magazines which deal with subjects of particular interest to women. A list of these magazines which may either be consulted in the reading room or, if back numbers, taken home for use, includes: Fashions; Le Bon Ton; Harper's Bazaar; The Delineator; Ladies' Home Journal; Woman's Home Companion; Home and Garden; Good Housekeeping; House Beautiful; Garden Magazine; American Home and Garden; Country Life in America; Craftsman; Keramic Studio; Nursing; Trained Nurse.

The Omaha Woman's club, R. M. S., will give a club ball Tuesday evening, January 17, at the Home. The committee, with Mrs. C. H. Erwin as chairman, has completed arrangements for an enjoyable evening.

City of Mexico Beautiful Place to Visit and Live In

Mrs. Hudson Tells of Its Attractions and Something of Its Social Life.

The City of Mexico is a delightful place to live. Its beauties appeal especially to the American woman and she does not so much feel herself an exile as an American sojourner in a pleasant country. This, at least, is an impression which is given by a chat with Mrs. Evelyn Hudson, whose present visit in Omaha is arousing so much febrile interest. Mrs. Hudson formerly lived in Omaha, she has many friends here, and she states emphatically that she enjoys coming to Omaha. There could, therefore, have been not even an implied comparison when she said:

"The American woman does find the City of Mexico a delightful city in which to live. It is a beautifully clean city. I think, indeed, it would be difficult to find many cities in this country as well kept as it is. It offers, also, exceptional advantages to those who value art and music. In the matter of music the city is especially favored. There are in the army a great many splendid bands. The finest of these is possibly finer than any band we have in this country and all of them are exceptionally good."

Mrs. Hudson did not put the emphasis upon the music, but it was part of the picture she gave of the colorful and picturesque life of the Mexican capital.

"You often hear people say that they want to visit Mexico before the country changes, grows American. Their fear is not warranted, we remain Americans. The life of the Mexican people is still most distinctive. It is true that there are now 4,000 Americans in the City of Mexico. And as the labor conditions in the country are not such as to attract the laboring class, these are all people of education for the most part people of the professional class. We have quite a colony. Our life is quite apart from the life of the old Mexican families. When occasions arise they meet us courteously, but they remain Mexicans; they observe their old Spanish customs, the Spanish etiquette, and we remain Americans. They look upon us, too, as a commercial people interested chiefly in getting money. Indeed, the traveler will find the old picturesque customs maintained in the city. They have their ways; we have ours. There are the ways of the Latin people; ours of the Anglo-Saxon. They are different ways and always will be different."

Mrs. Hudson spoke of the American's tendency to emphasize the faults of his country and his country's officials, because he gives such publicity to the shortcomings. "This isn't a good thing to do. It lessens the respect of other countries for us."

As her husband is editor of the Mexican Herald, Mrs. Hudson knew the newspaper reason for the prominence of the shortcomings. "Oh, yes, of course, it is because the ill is the exception and therefore 'news' that we give such prominence to it. But the other countries don't consider that fact. They get their impression from our news as a sample of the entire condition."

Leaders in the equal suffrage movement have been presenting their cause to both the public and to the legislative body at Albany since the opening of the new year. At a recent entertainment arranged by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, sang and Mrs. Dr. Anna Shaw addressed the meeting. Mrs. Belmont personally had a number of friends as guests at the entertainment. Miss Wilson is a recent convert to the cause of equal suffrage and the leaders in the movement are proud of the acquisition.

Mrs. Nordica is taking an active part in the work of the societies and has been assisting on the program at the entertainments that have been given. The equal suffrage bill originated by Mrs. Clarence McKay is being urged for passage before the legislature. Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch is acting as chairman of Mrs. McKay's equal suffrage society in the preparation of the bill.

Mr. Arthur Inkersley, the journalist and traveler, who married Mrs. John Walker

Fearn recently in London, will, upon his return to America, take his bride to the Pacific coast to reside.

Mrs. Inkersley, who was the widow of Minister Fearn to Greece, Roumania and Serbia, was one of the most brilliant and honored figures at the royal courts. She received wedding gifts from Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, the former queen Nathalie of Serbia and the queen of Greece. No American bride ever before received so many royal good wishes. Mrs. Inkersley's former husband, Mr. Fearn, was a native of Mobile.

Such interest has been manifested in society circles over the announcement recently of the engagement of Miss May Bourne, eldest daughter of ex-Commodore Frederick G. Bourne, of the New York Yacht club, to Ralph Peaver Strassburger of Norristown, Pa. Mr. Strassburger is a graduate of the Naval academy at Annapolis. He belongs to the Army and Navy club, and to the New York Yacht club.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Adele Frank Heidelberg of Philadelphia, and Mr. Augustus C. Binswanger of New York. Miss Heidelberg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heidelberg and granddaughter of Mr. Meyer Frank of Philadelphia. Mr. Binswanger is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins university, and of the University of Maryland.

Mrs. and Mr. Jeremiah Milbank, who were married in St. Paul, Minn., on December 10, returned from their wedding trip today. They will make their home with Mrs. Milbank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Milbank.

Mrs. William Douglas Sloane has decided on January 30 for her dance, which may be given without a cotillon, and on February 3, Mrs. Robert L. Terry will give a dinner dance at Sherry's, the first important entertainment since her marriage. Colonel John Jacob Astor will give a dinner dance on February 6, at the Astor mansion, and for the cotillon to follow some extra guests will come from other

colleges. With these private dances the junior cotillon of Tuesday night must not be overlooked. While it might seem that the debutantes are tired out, it is not likely that any of them will remain away. Mr. Stove Phelps will lead the cotillon and the dance will be held, as usual, at Sherry's."

Among the leading events in New York society during the week were the dinner given by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish Friedman and a dance given by Mrs. Geraldine Redmond at the Colonial club on Tuesday. The dinner was the third of a series given by Mrs. Fish and she had as guests quite a number of leaders of the "90s." The dance given by Mrs. Redmond was in honor of Miss Elizabeth Russell, a debutante of the season, daughter of Mrs. Rowland Russell.

Society is much interested in the announcement from the west of the engagement of Mrs. William Loyall Ashe and Walter S. Seymour. Mrs. Ashe is a half-sister of Anna Peters and before her marriage was Miss "Pet" Peters of Stockton. Their father was J. D. Peters, who was known as the "River King," for he owned most of the steamers plying on the river route from San Francisco. Walter S. Seymour is a comparatively recent arrival in San Francisco, and makes his home at the Cosmos club. The wedding is to be an event of the early New Year.

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