

## Omaha Friends Will Miss Them Greatly

### CLUBDOM

#### Calendar of Club Doings

- Monday—**  
E. E. O. sisterhood of Benson, Mrs. N. H. Tyson, hostess, 2 p. m.
- Tuesday—**  
Business Women's council, luncheon and prayer meeting, court house, 11 to 2 o'clock.  
Women's Relief Corps, George A. Custer branch, Memorial hall, 2:30 p. m.  
Society of American Widows, Crouse block, 3:30 p. m.
- Wednesday—**  
Miller Park Mother's circle, annual picnic, Miller park, 2 p. m.  
Woman's Christian Temperance union, Omaha branch, annual meeting, Young Men's Christian association, 2:30 p. m.  
Woman's Christian Temperance union, Frances Willard branch, Mrs. W. A. King, hostess, 2 p. m.
- Thursday—**  
Nebraska Humane society, Omaha National bank building, 4:30 p. m.  
Society of American Widows, Crouse block, 7:30 p. m.

### Mrs. McVann and Daughter Are Going to Colorado for a Season Before Removing to Chicago for Good



Esther McVann

Mrs. E. S. McVann

### SOCIETY

#### Social Calendar

- Monday—**  
Carolus Collins Wedding.  
Afternoon party for Miss Mildred Olney at Minneapolis, Miss. Lela Hoke, hostess.  
"Laddy Day" at Country club.
- Tuesday—**  
Omaha Women's Golf association's monthly tournament at Seymour Lake Country club. Party at Happy Hollow for Katherine Lynch at Arnon W. Co. and for Ruth Hart and Louise Co. by Mrs. J. M. Moore and Louise W. Co.  
Bridge tournament at the hotel, late morning and dinner at Happy Hollow club.  
Dinner at Happy Hollow club for visiting college girls, Miss Florence Leeks, hostess.
- Wednesday—**  
Dinner at Country and Field clubs.  
Dinner at Hanscom park pavilion, M. V. C. club.  
Carter Lake Convention and matinee dance.
- Thursday—**  
Women's luncheon at Carter Lake club.  
Luncheon for Scottish Fire Woman's club at Happy Hollow, Mrs. Catherine Vincent, hostess.  
Luncheon for visiting college girls at Happy Hollow, Miss Beulah Clark, hostess.
- Friday—**  
Dinner at Happy Hollow club.  
Dinner at Seymour Lake club.
- Saturday—**  
Dinner at Country, Field, Happy Hollow, Carter Lake and Seymour Lake clubs.

**G**IVE me both a democratic and republican ballot.

A dignified woman appeared at a polling place, during a recent election, and made this request.

"But the law provides that you can have only one ballot. You cannot vote both tickets," a clerk of the election board politely told her.

"That makes no difference," she said. "I have friends on both the republican and democratic side, and I won't vote unless I can vote for all of them."

"Then it will be impossible for you to vote," the dignified lady was politely informed by the clerk.

"Well, if you won't do a little favor like that for me, I won't vote," declared the lady bravely, giving each member of the election board an individual glare designed to carry reproach, she left the polling booths without casting a ballot for her favorite candidates on either ticket.

This is the kind of story they tell about women in the suffrage states, to belittle the feminine voters.

Votes-for-women enthusiasts will have to put up with it good-naturedly. There is the other alternative. They can devote themselves to acquiring political information so that they will not be caught napping.

"Well, but the man should have explained that it was permissible to write in the name of the candidates of the other party," you say.

Yes, he should have, but he was a man and one opposed to woman suffrage no doubt, so he did not stop to explain.

Charges that machine methods and steam rolling were apparent during the recent biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs are made in the current issue of the official organ of the clubwomen, The General Federation of Women's Clubs Magazine.

"At the opening of the convention, the delegates were unimpressed. The carefully constructed and smoothly operating machinery of the outgoing administration was thinly veiled by a diversified program, with appealing addresses and conferences interspersed between the short business sessions," writes a delegate.

"Manipulation in the conduct of the business sessions of the convention became more and more apparent as various obstacles confronted the machine, this necessitating more and more steam. The generative capacity of the boiler proved quite equal to all emergencies and withstood the pressure most wonderfully well. All minor obstacles were crushed or thrust aside, but when it came to announcing the election returns, which were withheld until the last possible moment before final adjournment, the real sentiment of the majority was expressed in the vote for president. The machine candidate was defeated by a vote in favor of the opponent of more than four to one."

"Thus did the machine defeat its purpose. The methods used in an endeavor to control the entire proceedings, by changing time and place for the conduct of business; by taking up important issues piecemeal; by side-tracking discussions; by crowding addresses, conferences, luncheons and reception upon the delegates; and by hurrying through the business sessions in some instances, calling only for affirmative vote and refusing to put the negative, and again refusing to recognize the personal privilege of those who had the temerity to vote 'no' to explain that vote, made in response to a skillfully put appeal from the chair for an affirmative vote; all this, and more, must have so antagonized many of the delegates that at least three-fourths of them finally decided that it was advisable to elect a new president who was in no way a part of the program that had been so carefully planned in advance by those in authority."

"The manipulation of the machine to insure the election of an outgoing director as auditor proved more successful, but resulted in severe reproach. Two names appeared on the printed ticket as candidates for auditor, both evidently picked by the machine. At the opening of the session on the morning of election day a telegram was read from one of the nominees, declining to run. Despite the fact that her name was printed on the ticket and voting was already in progress, quick action was taken accepting the resignation from the ticket. Delegates who arose to protest were not given a hearing. No opportunity was given to place any other name in nomination, thus leaving the chosen one a clear field."

Several resolutions adopted by the General Federation show the trend of the organization's activities. It was resolved to undertake a country-wide survey of motion picture entertainments; that clubwomen should form local censorship committees and that the Federation should co-operate with film manufacturers to secure a higher moral standard and a larger supply of appropriate films for children. The creation of a Woman's division of labor in the federal department; opposition to the literacy test in the federal immigration bill; study of the domestic servant problem; endorsement of the principle of civil pensions; cooperation with boards of health and endorsement of modern methods of prison management, including the establishment of a probation system in the United States courts, are included in the number.

The immigrant problem is the subject of the following resolution: "Whereas, there are in this country more than 13,000,000 persons of foreign birth, many of whom speak other languages, follow un-American standards of living and do not possess American citizenship.

"Be it resolved, that we make special effort to be of assistance to the foreign-born women in bringing them into touch with American life; that we pledge ourselves to co-operate with the public schools to supply the needs of the foreign-born; and recommend that special naturalization services be made a part of the Independence day celebration; and co-operate with the labor department and employment offices to prevent the exploitation of the immigrant in industry."

### Letting the Light Into Our Public Kitchens

By WOODS HUTCHINSON, M. D.

Lux Fiat! "Let there be light!" was the first step in the creation, and it is the first step in the regeneration also. If the light is only turned on and kept shining in the dark places behind dining rooms and restaurants, both in the sense of pitiless publicity and flooding with sunlight, safety and cleanliness, are as-mere.

Another thing which will greatly improve conditions is the carrying out and widening of the scope of the physical examination of cooks, helpers, waiters, and food handlers generally, initiated some months ago by the New York city board of health. This will protect the public against a real and serious present danger, as shown by the fact that something like 15 per cent of all those examined hitherto have shown signs of some form of communicable disease, ranging from tuberculosis and typhoid to catarrh and skin diseases. If the employee must be in good physical condition to secure a position, this automatically places upon the employer a counter obligation to provide conditions which will protect and preserve this health and vigor required. And as fresh air, good light and spotless cleanliness are just as good for food as they are for the cooks, the community would be doubly the gainer.

Incidentally, it may be remarked that one of our most disquieting discoveries in the past decade or so has been that a good many of those who recover from typhoid fever still harbor, and continue to harbor for years, colonies of typhoid bacilli in their bodies, most commonly in the gall bladder or near the kidneys. If these typhoid carriers are careless or uncleanly about their toilets, so that their hands become soiled and infected, any food which they handle may convey the disease. Something like this is true, though in a much more limited degree, of the bacilli of diphtheria and probably of other typhoid parasites. And, of course, the germs of a com-

mon cold can be sneezed over food just as easily as over people, and with the same charmingly certain results.

Although these health standards and requirements might at first sight appear to be something of a hardship upon the workers, as a matter of fact they are just the reverse. First, because the great majority of all the disqualifying defects and disease conditions are readily curable, most of them quite promptly, so, and all that is necessary is to position

the examination for a few weeks to pass it successfully. In the second place, the existing high health standards has already been found to greatly improve working conditions. And, finally, the weight of all the good health of an employee is always worth at least five times as much to his employer as it is to his employer or to the general public, which consists upon it for its own protection.

Everything which raises the fitness of cook, maid, preparator and serving food to the level of a skilled, organized trade, with good wages, healthy, able bodies and civilized working conditions, resulting in a life of great and lasting benefit to the public health.

### To Prevent the "Blues"

"Blues" arise either from their selfishness. If the former, take a dose of medicine; if the latter, take yourself seriously to task. Look within, don't try to find out why you're unhappy, but why you're miserable. Is it that you expect too much from life? The happiest man is he who is content with little from the present and expects much from the future.

Go out into the world and instead of comparing your misfortunes with other people's successes, realize your own blessings in life as contrasted with some other poor thing's downright bad luck.

Don't think so much about what you haven't got as what you do possess. This is the way not to think. "Here am I, 20, 30, 40 years of age. Not many men have looked as hard as I. I better my self I've got my own share of brains and I've only earned a few dollars a week, while that absolute young idiot, Jones, who's never done a day's work, made his life has more money than he knows what to do with."

Well, what if Jones is better off than you? There's nothing in that to make you unhappy. Instead, think how good God's been to give you your fair share of brain and your health!

Incidentally, one idea of the architecture of kitchens and serving rooms are badly in need of revision. As hygienists have been pointing out for years, the ideal and proper place for a restaurant or public dining room is not at the end of a building, instead at the bottom, next to the coast, instead of down in the cellar. It was only a combination of public necessity, stupidity and a sentimental or some other dwelling lights that put them in their present position in the first place.

With modern water supply and electric service, there is no practical reason why their normal position should not be reversed, and time spent not merely in the best of an anti-light and ventilation for the kitchen, waiters and serving rooms, but also a complete eradication and liberation of the rest of the house from all smells of cooking and food preparation.

Not a few modern and progressive hotels have already placed their dining rooms in the top story, much to their own satisfaction and to the comfort and pleasure of their patrons. Few features, in fact, about a hotel are more widely commented upon and more pleasantly remembered by its guests than a sixth or seventh story dining room, with its freedom from cooking smells and its air and light and view

**H**OW many "late women" are there in town? At Mrs. Lummer's luncheon at the Happy Hollow club the other day only two guests could lay claim to the dainty, debonair role. Every one is out-of-doors in the blistering sun and hot wind, playing golf, tennis, swimming, motoring, even tramping, with the result that everyone has acquired either an olive brown or a ruddy red complexion. Even freckles would be almost better than these colors, for they indicate a delicate and usually soft skin.

How shocking the athletic woman of today would have appeared fifty or a hundred years ago. Then girls modestly peeled their faces by applications of butter-milk dried in the sun. Why, even when you were small, didn't your mother worry because you always forgot to put on your sunbonnet when you stepped out to play? And didn't your grandmother say, "When I was a girl we took some care of our complexions and had pretty, white skins?" But, oh dear me, hats and sunbonnets were so much in the way, weren't they? Mayhap, though, you were never inclined to be a "tubby Mack-a-day, how times have changed!"

The July tournament of the Omaha Women's Golf association has at last been set for Tuesday. As before announced, this third event of the season will be held at Seymour Lake Country club. The program is time holes, handicap, medal play, with a special event in the shape of an approaching and putting contest.

Speaking of golf reminds of the annual outing and carnival of sports for the ladies at the Country club, which is to be given Monday. On that date society people will show their appreciation for their faithful servants by giving them a grand, good time and a splendid "feed." Games of golf for the ladies have been arranged with special prizes. A program of sports under the direction of jovial Professor Omer Gus Miller will be a great attraction. The club will serve a special meal to the boys after the events. Arrangements for the fête have been under the direction of a number of society women prominent among them, Mrs. W. T. Burns, Others who have taken an active part in the preparations are Mrs. Harlow Millard, Mrs. George Reick, Mrs. M. A. Peters and Miss Gladys Peters. It will be interesting to see how many of the crumbs of knowledge which have fallen from their masters' golf-tide have been assimilated by the boys. Perhaps the carriers of the bag will outdo their elders.

People do not plan parties very far in advance these days. If you give your friend about a day's notice, she is pretty likely to have the date open. This is the reason that the social calendar is almost a blank. Entertainment, even of large parties, is informal and done largely at the clubs. Parties are frequent and unusually enjoyable. I met a director of one of the country clubs the other day who preferred to drive to the club and picnic on the grounds, eating the things that Mrs. A prepared, rather than eat at the cafe. Society is surfeited with delicious concoctions of French cuisine. They like the home-made article once in a while. It is not so long ago that debutantes did not feel ashamed of an ability to cook.

You may think it very odd to mention that this is the halcyon time to save ten society maids and men when inconventional life is the order and men are everywhere. In the three and everywhere for a moment and preparing for it, you imagine some of your young friends who are spending the summer at mountain resorts, strolling along sheltered paths where the inquisitive automobiles note their presence and raise their horns to disturb the peace of budding romance? Probably more than one friendship will be begun this summer which will culminate in elaborate society events during the coming fall and winter. It is worth seeing that the youngest daughter of an Omaha inventor is looking with eagerness upon a young man who is associated with her father in business. Who knows?

A most interesting event was discussed in an eastern paper the other day, so interesting that I start to pass it on to you. It makes you feel deliciously glib and gives you quite a taste of such a party. You remember the little girl who always felt that when she saw brass buttons, don't you? Well, doesn't this thrill you?

"The girl who attended the ball on board the New York steamer," by Captain Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., and Lieutenant Commander Clark H. W. Skelton, U. S. N., will long recall her memories of the strange spectacle for such a way. The hull, six-decked and fighting tops of the battleship were outlined in thousands of white electric lights, while the bridge and conning tower glittered in red, white and blue.

"At the top of the gangway stood a diver's suit, and as an incandescent but amusing sight to see the immense gear, mechanically motionless and extended its great gloved hand to each arriving guest. The illuminated and carpeted gangway suggested a staircase rather than an entrance to a battleship."

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