

Society Notes

Club's Candidates.
 Spring elections in the big women's organizations of the city are beginning to occupy the interest of their members. The Tuesday Morning Musical club is the first to announce its nominating committee's choice of names to be voted upon at the annual meeting April 3. At the Godowsky recital last week folders were enclosed in the program containing the constitution and by-laws with proposed changes and the proposed list of new officers, as follows:

President, Mrs. H. Beecher Howell.
 Vice president, Mrs. William Sears Poppe.
 Recording secretary, Mrs. C. W. Axtell.
 Membership secretary, Mrs. Arthur Metz.
 Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. C. Johnson.
 Auditor, Mrs. George C. McIntire.
 Directors, Mrs. Samuel S. Caldwell, Mrs. Myron Leonard, Mrs. N. P. Dodge, Jr.

The election of Mrs. Howell to the position of president of this organization is looked on with great favor. Mrs. Howell is not only a patroness of music, she is a musician of experience and ability. During her residence abroad, both as a young girl and as a woman, she has spent six years studying in Germany, four years of the time in Berlin and two in Dresden.

Mrs. Caldwell is the retiring president. Men are to be admitted to membership in the Tuesday Morning Musical club, the change in the constitution proposes.

"Yes, we are letting down the bars for men," said one of the charming matrons of the club, "which is more than the men will do for us in the Commercial club. We will have to organize a Woman's Commercial club in order to enjoy any of the benefits."

Mrs. W. F. Baxter of the Audubon society, who was active in promoting the Enos Mills lecture tonight, also chafed under the restrictions of men's organizations. Mrs. Baxter wished to attend the luncheon of the University club, where Mr. Mills spoke, but she was debarred because the affair was for men only.

To Honor Mrs. Maxwell.

Mrs. J. A. Maxwell was the guest of honor today at a farewell luncheon given by members of the West Central District Missionary board. Rev. Mr. Maxwell has received a call to Williamsport, Pa., and he and Mrs. Maxwell will leave for their new home next Monday. The table, which was placed in a private dining room at the Blackstone, was decorated in daffodils and the place cards were hand-painted daffodils. A few farewell words of appreciation for Mrs. Maxwell and good wishes were extended by all the women.

Travelers' Gossip.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Mitchell of St. Louis, enroute to California, are spending the week at the Fontenelle hotel. Mr. Mitchell is the son of Mrs. Charlotte Mitchell of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ludlow leave this evening for a southern trip, spending a few days in Chicago and going from there to Jacksonville and Miami, Fla., for a two weeks' visit. From there they will go to Camden, S. C., for two weeks, stopping off at Washington and Pittsburgh en route home.

Miss Mildred Todd will leave for Washington, D. C., tomorrow evening, where she will join a house party of Bristol school friends who are congregating there for the inauguration ceremonies of President Wilson. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Todd.

Mrs. B. F. Crummer, who has spent several weeks in California, arrived home Saturday evening. Her son, Dr. LeRoy Crummer, who accompanied her west and then took a trip to Hawaii, will land in San Francisco on Monday, having postponed his departure from Honolulu a week. Mrs. Frank Colpeter, who also accompanied Mrs. Crummer, is now at Beverly Hills, where she will remain for some time.

Dr. and Mrs. Ewing Brown returned last evening from a three weeks' visit in San Antonio, Tex., and other southern points. They met many Omaha people in Houston, Galveston and San Antonio.

On the Calendar.

Mrs. J. W. Griffith will have as her guests next Monday the members of one of the Monday Bridge-Luncheon clubs.

Mrs. Patrick Healey of Buffalo, N. Y., who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Reynolds, will be the honor guest at several affairs this week and next, one of which will be a luncheon at the Blackstone some time this week, which will be given by Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Healey will remain two weeks longer and then will go to New York. They will be accompanied east by Miss Jessie Fox.

Rev. J. A. Maxwell, who leaves next Monday for his new home in Williamsport, Pa., will be the honor guest at a dinner party given that day by all of the Baptist ministers in the city.

The Equal Franchise society meets Thursday of this week at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. T. J. Stewart, instead of on Wednesday, as previously announced.

Mrs. F. B. Kennard entertained the Friday club last week and Mrs. Harry Lawrie will be hostess at the meeting of the club Friday, March 10.

Onians in Lincoln.

Messrs. Yale Holland, Nye Morehead, Ray Losey, Rey Horton and Victor Hermanson attended the dancing party given by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in Lincoln Friday evening.

The Misses Charlotte Thompson and Vivian Byre spent the week-end in Lincoln, where they attended the Gamma Phi Beta formal dancing party Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Bennett, who is visiting friends in Lincoln, has been the inspiration for several social affairs among her friends.

Mrs. Arthur Welch, Mrs. Frank Myers and Miss June Gahen spent the latter part of last week with Mrs. J. C. White in Lincoln.

About the Visitors.

Miss Christine Snelling has given up for the present her visit with Miss Harriet Smith of this city.

Mrs. Edmund V. Krug, who is visiting at the J. F. Coad home, is honor guest at social functions almost every day, though the affairs are arranged informally on account of the Lenten season.

Mrs. Fred Truesdell of New York,

HEADS MU SIGMA, WHICH HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY.



Mrs. William Holz

Mu Sigma, the oldest study club in the city, is celebrating its twenty-fourth anniversary today with an informal tea at the home of Mrs. Waite Squier. The members met informally for kensington and tea and gave a small program. Mrs. C. W. Axtell told a story, Mrs. Frank Norton gave a reading, Mrs. Ralph Kiewit sang and Mrs. A. B. Somers, who with Mrs. H. D. Neely and Mrs. George Thompson, is a charter member of the club, "reminisced." Decorations were in the club colors, lavender and white, and a birthday cake formed the center of attraction on the tea table.

Assisting the hostesses were:
 Mesdames—
 George Payne, C. W. Neider,
 W. J. Holt, George Platner,
 M. D. Husala

formerly Miss Ethel Dovey, the clever actress, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey, in Plattsmouth, will spend this week in Omaha at the Fontenelle with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Homer B. Mason, who are presenting a one-act play, "Married," at the Orpheum. Mrs. Truesdell spent three months last summer at the Masons' country home in Connecticut.

Mr. Wallace Crawford of North Platte, Neb., is visiting Mr. Edward Holland Baker during the auto show.

Today's Affairs.

Mrs. Earl K. Buck entertained her bridge club this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. de Forest Richards will entertain at a dinner party this evening at their home in honor of Captain and Mrs. James McKinley, after which they will form a box party at the Orpheum. The guests included are Messrs. and Mesdames A. L. Reed, Willard Hosford, Mrs. F. A. Nash, Miss Meliora Davis, Mr. Joseph Barker, Mr. Ben Warren and Captain and Mrs. McKinley.

For Mrs. Kiper.

Mrs. Isidor Ziegler entertained at bridge luncheon at the Blackstone today for her mother, Mrs. Julius Kiper of Chicago. Two tables were set for the luncheon in the sun parlor and seven for bridge. Decorations were in yellow, with daffodils for centerpieces and yellow place cards to match. Covers were laid for thirty-two guests.

Sick Room Notes.

Miss Kathleen Russel is ill at St. Catherine's hospital with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. J. H. Dumont is ill at her home.

Mrs. Charles D. Beaton and the two children are suffering from complications of the gripe.

Great Naturalist Entertained.

While in Omaha to lecture for the Audubons this evening at the First Methodist church, Enos Mills is being kept quite busy socially. In addition to being a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Dietz he has also been entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Morsman, jr., and the University club.

School Heads to Attend Meeting in Kansas City

Superintendent Graff, Principal Masters of the Central High school, Principal Huwaldt of the South High school and eleven other public school principals and supervisors will go to Kansas City this evening to attend a meeting of the department of superintendents of the National Educational association. The party will return on Thursday.



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By GARRETT P. SERVISS.

What force is it in nature which makes water rise to the stem of a plant to the leaves from the roots? This is contrary to gravitation, is it not?—F. R. CHICAGO.

You have hit upon one of the head and says: "I am trying to find questions at which science shakes its out." If trees had hearts the circulation of the sap, which is as blood to them, could be easily explained; but nobody, except the poets, has discovered a heart in a tree.

The tree stands before us in its summer garments and its winter nakedness, challenging us, like the Sphinx, to guess its secret. We know that it gets practically all of the water upon which its existence depends from the ground. Its whole life is a defiance of gravitation and a continuing victory over that abasing force.

What makes the tree rise straight up from its buried seed, growing always contrary to the direction of gravity? It seems to be the joy of life for a tree to keep its trunk vertical. If it happens to spring into being on the slope of a steep hill, what does it do but struggle upward into perpendicularity? It simply will not lie down. The plumb-line is its ideal.

A shrub growing out of the side of a precipice turns its tiny stem sturdily upward, away from the center of the earth and toward the center of the sky. A tree is never prostrate until it is dead. There is an invincible opposition between gravitation and tree growth. They resemble the forces of opposite poles of a magnet; you cannot make them agree.

In this "polarity" may obscurely lie the explanation of the circulation of water in a tree—but I cannot clear up, or fill out, that explanation. It may depend upon the co-operation of many things, as say the botanists, who now and then invent a new theory on the subject, but always add to it, as auxiliaries, some of the old explanations. There is none of these theories that is able to stand alone, on its own bottom.

You will have to study a considerable number of more or less puzzling subjects, such as capillary, surface tension, osmosis, root pressure, transpiration, the tendency of columns of water of extremely small diameter to resist tensile strain, so that they can be lifted bodily, and so on, if you wish to learn what botanists have guessed and speculated concerning this mystery and after you have finished you will be forced to conclude that nobody knows much about it.

That, of course, does not make the speculations and theories any less important, because it is only in this way that we can get any of nature's secrets. Difficulty and mystery should be to the mind what gravitation is to the tree—a stimulus to growth.

And what a wonderful thing a tree is! How near it stands to an animal! What do you think of the following, from a distinguished botanist: "The body of a vascular plant (any plant that has a circulatory system) is developed, in the first place, by repeated division of the fertilized egg and the growth of the products of division."

"Fertilized egg!" That is said of the germ of a plant. You have, perhaps, supposed that eggs are exclusively animal affairs. But here is a scientist who does not hesitate, in the plainest language, to recognize the fact that an egg—that is to say, a reproductive cell—is essentially the same thing, whether it hands on from generation to generation an animal or a plant.

And another botanist of rank writes of "the nervous system of plants." Not long ago we had a learned visitor from India who talked in scientific

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phrase, and to scientific men, of "the feelings of plants."
 Everybody knows there are "sensitive plants," such as mimosa, which shrink and droop at a touch or at a blow, exhibiting at least as much appearance of nervous response as does a worm, or a bivalve and that there are also "carnivorous (flesh-eating) plants," such as the Venus fly-trap, which catch and devour flies and even small animals. But the later speculations go so far as to suggest that plants may possess a certain degree of consciousness, or perception of their own existence and of their surroundings.
 Taking the facts and the theories together, then it is plain that the ascent of water in their stems against the opposition of gravity is by no

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