

Society Notes

March 16



Some People Have Dislikes.
Never call Dr. J. E. Summers "Doc" if you wish to be his friend. Any horse doctor in the country is "Doc," but he is a doctor! Dr. Leroy Crummer does not mind if you call him an "unmarried man," but please refrain from calling him a "bachelor." That is taboo.

Mrs. H. C. Sumney likes to be called a "suffragist," although she detests the term "feminist" as applied to herself. Mrs. H. Y. Cook has a distinct aversion to being called a "boarding house keeper." She prefers to be called the "proprietress of the Colonial."

Two delightful matrons of prominent families always sign themselves Madame to distinguish themselves from the other members of their families. One is Mrs. T. L. Kimball, mother of Miss Arabell Kimball and Mr. T. R. Kimball; the other Madame Smith, mother of Mrs. William Sears Poppleton and Mrs. Lucien Stephens.

Mrs. Franklin A. Shotwell's aversion is a nickname and Miss Belle Dewey is said to object seriously to being called a reporter, although she feels complimented when referred to as a newspaper woman.

Episcopal rectors have likes and dislikes in respect to their title. Father Lloyd Holsapple objects to the title Reverend. On the other hand, Rev. T. J. Mackay will not be called Father.

Each of us has some little aversion to differentiate him from the rest. Usually these seem mere trifles to our friends, but they are based on deep-seated dislikes and are highly important to each of us.

In Clubdom.
The Association of Collegiate Alumnae's general meeting for March will be held Saturday at 2:30 o'clock in the ball room of the Fontenelle. Prof. Paul Grumman of the state university will lecture on "The Correlation of Artistic Activity," under the auspices of the music section. Omaha club women and especially the visiting women who came for the Second district convention have been invited. No admission is being charged.

April 20 or 21 is the time set for the opening of the Franco-Belgian art exhibit at the Fontenelle by the Omaha Society of Fine Arts. Besides the 300 paintings, works of sculpture will also be exhibited.

Social Gossip.
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burgess have returned from a sojourn in California with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Calvin. Mr. Burgess contracted a bad cold, which has kept him at home since their return.

Mrs. Perry Allen returns to her home in New York Sunday evening after a visit with her mother, Mrs. William G. Sloan, at the Colonial.

Mrs. Frank Thomas and her daughter, Dorothy, have returned to their home in Chicago after a five days' visit with old friends in Omaha.

Mrs. W. A. Willard went to Lincoln Friday for a visit with Mrs. Franklin D. Barker, but she will spend the week-end with Mrs. R. G. Clapp. This afternoon Mrs. Barker gave an informal tea in her honor and tomorrow evening Dr. and Mrs. Orr will give a St. Patrick's party for her.

Mrs. L. D. Fowler, who is visiting in Lincoln, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given yesterday at the home of Mrs. A. W. Johnson. The guests included sixteen former Sutton residents. Mrs. Fowler was formerly of Sutton.

On the Calendar.
Mr. and Mrs. Clement Chase will entertain at dinner at the Blackstone Saturday evening for Mrs. Perry Allen of New York.

Mr. Henry Hart of Council Bluffs will entertain Miss Elizabeth Reed and her guest, Miss Laura Stone of Wyanplusing, Pa., at a theater party this evening.

Miss Reed and her guest will be entertained at tea at the Fontenelle Saturday by Mr. Charles McLaughlin. On Monday Miss Stone will continue on her way to California.

One of the Monday bridge luncheon

GIVES DINNER FOR PROF. FLING, WHO TALKS WAR.



More than usual interest is being manifested in the lectures pertaining to the world war which Prof. F. M. Fling of the state university is delivering in Omaha this year under the auspices of the Equal Franchise society. This lecture this evening will have for its subject "The Marne, Verdun and the Danube. No meetings of the suffrage school are scheduled for this evening, in order to allow all the suffragists to attend Dr. Fling's lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Russell will entertain at dinner this evening for Dr. Fling. A basket of red roses will form the table decorations. Covers will be placed for Dr. Frederick Morrow Fling of Lincoln, Mrs. J. M. Metcalf and Messrs. and Mesdames T. L. Burke, John McDonald and Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Davis.

clubs met this week with Mrs. Victor Reynolds. In two weeks the club will be entertained by Mrs. George Greenough.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Wearne will entertain at the dinner-dance at the Blackstone tomorrow evening, when covers will be laid for eighteen guests. The occasion is Dr. Wearne's birthday.

Mrs. E. J. McAdams will entertain her neighborhood bridge club on Thursday, March 29.

For Bridal Party.
Miss Alice Duval will entertain the members of the Burke-Copley wedding party this evening at a bridge dinner at her home. The table will have for its centerpiece a Tiffany basket filled with pink sweetpeas and violets, and pink and lavender tulle extending from the chandelier above the table will form large, fluffy bows at the four corners of the table. The place cards will be dinnergrams in Western Union telegram envelopes and containing clever messages about each guest. Pink paper crackers will be the favors at each place.

Miss Mary Taylor entertained at a Kensington tea at her home this afternoon for Miss Harriet Copley. Pink and lavender sweetpeas were used on the tea table.

Mr. Earl Burket entertained the men who will be a part of his wedding party at a dinner last evening at the Blackstone, and at the theater afterward.

FAMILY WELFARE WORK IS EXTENDED

Church and Club Women Volunteer to Help the Home "Make-Up" Bureau.

MASS MEETING ON MONDAY

Women representing churches of the city will meet next Monday at 3 p. m. in the city council chamber to discuss with members of the Board of Public Welfare and others the proposition of establishing "convalescent" work in connection with the family rehabilitation department of the welfare board.

Mesdames Lynn M. Lockwood, F. H. Cole, G. C. Edgerly, G. C. Bailey, W. A. DeBord, Albert Miller, T. F. Sturgess, G. G. Wallace, F. A. McCormick and Frank Carmichael are some of those interested.

The Omaha Woman's club, Visiting Nurse association of Omaha and hospitals will be represented.

Superintendent Schreiber of the welfare board offered the following statement on this new feature of his work:

Need is Apparent.

"The need of this work is apparent to any thinking person. Many deserving persons able during the ordinary demands of life to hold their own and keep out of debt find themselves at the end of an illness without money and without credit. Sometimes patients have homes to which they may return, but have no means nor friends who can afford to take adequate care of them. The friendly visitor can help sometimes by supplying funds; this help may be in the form of a loan to be returned when the patient's health is normal. During the patient's convalescence the friendly visiting would be frequent; gifts of delicacies to eat and books and magazines to read; cheery ways of making less dreary the oftentimes weary way to health; then securing employment and helping regulate income and expenses until all debt has been cleared away. This would constitute adequate friendly visiting of the convalescent worker. At the time that a patient is able to resume work employment will be secured through the good offices of the free employment office maintained by the welfare board."

Omaha Man Takes Ride In Airboat at Miami

C. N. Deitz of Omaha added a new thrill to his long list of experiences Sunday at Miami, Fla., when he joined Aviator E. K. Jaquith in a flight in one of the Curtiss type flying boats.

Mr. Deitz, who has tried out Zeppelins, says the sensation is much the same.

Timely Fashion Hint By La Raconteuse



Much attention is given to the sets which serve as finishing touches to the summer outfit, including hat, parasol and bag. Quite an interesting development is shown in the set illustrated, where the fashionable beaded bag in Roman stripe serves as an inspiration for this striped bag, with hat to match. The colors are rose, tan, brown and white, all beautifully blended together.

Schools Teach "Culture", But They Neglect Science

By GARRETT P. SERVIC.

"Why is it that at the beginning of a new month we first see a fourth of the moon, then, as the month goes by, one half, and finally the whole moon?—Constant Reader, Chicago."

Such a question ought not to be thrown into the waste basket simply because it exhibits ignorance of the most primary facts of science. It is interesting and important as a commentary on the utter failure of schools to produce enlightenment outside of cer-

tain conventional lines. A pupil comes out of school knowing no more of nature than his untrained senses teach him. He is taught to write and to read, which are admirable and indispensable human inventions, but he is not taught to understand many of the simplest natural phenomena, by which he is to be surrounded and puzzled all his life through. The shadow of the old classic idea still hangs over our educational system. In place of Greek and Latin we have "modern literature." In substitution for Homer and Virgil we have the up-to-date spinners of words and yarns. The young mind is taught to look

up to some clever story writer as a "great genius," and his "craftsmanship" and crude ventures in "interpreting life and character" are set up as models of intellectual achievement. The pupil is made to feel ashamed if he does not know about the methods and performances of these "masters," but nobody points the finger of scorn at him if he cannot tell why the moon changes its figure as it travels through the sky. In truth I have reason to suspect that some of the teachers themselves would have difficulty in explaining that!

The world is held back by such a system of education as this. Literature should be the dessert on life's table; but it is made the main dish. I find that my little girl knows all about Carlyle, Kipling et al., but if she knows anything about the sun and the moon her knowledge is not derived from her school teacher.

She reads Burke "On Conciliation," and "Kim" and the "Essay on Burns," as prescribed studies, but somebody outside the school has to teach her to read nature, a greater orator, preacher and romancer than all of the word weavers put together. We ought to count the age as long past when "learning" was regarded as identical with the ability to write and to scan Latin verse, a la Dr. Johnson, but the spirit of that age is with our educators still.

Of course, I do not mean to decry literary education, kept within reasonable bounds, but it is not literature that has pushed mankind to the point of mastery over the forces of nature which, with much labor, and the expenditure of much time, it has, at last, reached. Let us be just to ourselves and to our descendants.

A very few story tellers will amply suffice for the world's needs, and it is robbed of its need of real laborers in its teeming and waiting harvest fields when thousands of young minds, in every educational center, are imbued with the notion that they may be inchoate literary geniuses.

To return to the question about the moon, and this is perhaps the hundredth time that I have heard it asked by "educated" persons. The visible form of the moon changes because, first, it shines by reflecting the light of the sun and not by giving forth light of its own, and second, because it travels around the earth in such a way that it is sometimes between the

earth and the sun and sometimes on the opposite side of the earth from the sun.

At the beginning of the month (lunar) the moon is between the earth and the sun, and being an opaque body, the sunlight cannot pass through it, so that it is invisible to us because the side of it that receives light from the sun is turned away from the earth. As it swings out from the line between the sun and the earth a part of that half of the moon which is illuminated begins to come into view from the earth, and this part has the form of a crescent, because it is the edge of a globe or sphere.

You can graphically illustrate this effect by taking a globe and passing it between you and a lighted lamp. The farther it gets out of line with the lamp the more of its illuminated side will become visible in the shape of a "new moon." When the moon has reached a point at right angles to the direction of the sun we see its illuminated half sideways, or, in other words, it appears as a half-moon.

As it begins to swing round toward the side of the earth opposite to the sun, the visible portion of its illuminated hemisphere increases to a "gibbous," or oblong shape, and finally when it is exactly opposite to the sun, as seen from the earth, the whole of its illuminated face is turned toward us, and it appears as a "full moon."

Elementary as all this seems, I have reason to know that it is a mystery to thousands, although it should be a mystery to nobody, and would not be it astronomy, "the mother of the sciences," were taught in the schools as it ought to be taught.

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