

Adelaide Kennerly EDITOR

COUNCIL BLUFFS

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leavitt entertained at dinner in honor of Miss Martha Hill, a Red Cross nurse, who left the same evening for Camp Taylor, Ky.

Mrs. Anna White entertained the members of the South First street chapter of St. Paul's guild on Monday afternoon. The attendance was large and a number of visitors were also present.

The art department of the Council Bluffs Woman's club met at the library on Monday evening, with Mrs. Belle Sanford as leader.

Instead of the usual study afternoon the Ideal club made up an Orpheum party on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard of Oakland and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. O. Spellman of Atlantic are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Killpack.

About a hundred members of the Mothers' and Teachers' club met at the high school on Monday evening to hear the reports of the young people who represented the Boys' and Girls' Garden club at the short course recently held at Ames.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilcox will spend the next three or four months in Los Angeles. They are now at the Wilshire Vista apartments.

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Mr. Adolph H. Kloppling of Underwood and Miss Julia E. Siedler of this city were married at St. Peter's church by Rev. Mr. Herman.

Wondrously beautiful oriental sewing sets are displayed in one of the gift shops—beads, tassels, cherry blossoms. These sets would surely "drive dull care" away from a mending basket.

All over kid boots have a prominent place in the fashion predictions for early spring. These boots are shown in all the voguish light shades—"frost" gray, light heaver brown, white kid, two tones of grays—some with fabric tops.

Mrs. J. B. Potts is staying with Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Stokes for awhile before going to Hattiesburg, Miss., where she will join Captain Potts.

Miss Lucy Harte is convalescing from a serious attack of the gripe.

Mrs. Mary E. Van Gieson, in company with Mrs. George McIntyre and children, left Wednesday for Florida.

Mrs. Roy L. Miller and Mrs. W. G. Templeton were hostesses Tuesday for the Thimble club.

The Thursday Bible class met with Mrs. W. E. Rhoades. It meets this week with Mrs. F. W. Carmichael.

Mrs. W. G. Templeton entertained a few intimate friends Saturday afternoon.

Rev. William B. Lampe, son of Rev. I. J. Lampe, who has been pastor for five years of a church in Winfield, Kan., has accepted a call to the Third Presbyterian church in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Olney of Minneapolis arrived here Friday to be with their mother, Mrs. Charles Bragg, who is very ill with pneumonia.

VALENTINE GREETINGS



Let's Go Shopping with Polly

St. Valentine, a word conjuring, Brings to mind affairs alluring; In Ye Olden Time the good saint's celebrations Were duly ordered by Dame Fashion in phrases full of fascination.

Silks, satins, laces, Milady's charms enhanced, While she stepped the measures of a stately dance.

But fancies are turning with the ages, No longer do we hear love's phrases burning at parties and on pages.

Instead of scenes filled with extravagance galore, Where chance phrases heard were "Mad infatuation" and "Je vous adore."

At our modern parties you'll find maidens in blue serge, Who, although following cupid's urge, Are winning smiles and love chaotic From khaki hearts most patriotic. Talking conversation to the strains of syncopation.

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MILLION WOMEN IN BRITISH WAR PLANTS

Take Place of Skilled Men and Are Quick to Learn Difficult Tasks; Work on Equal Pay Basis.

More than 1,000,000 women are now employed in munition plants in England and are engaged in most classes of skilled labor, according to a study of the employment of women prepared by the industrial bureau of the Merchants' association.

"At the beginning of the employment of women in 1915," the report says, "practically all employers in England looked upon the introduction of a woman into a machine shop as one of the horrors of war, but nothing has been so remarkable as the change in the attitude of manufacturers toward the employment of a woman. Now if any question arises as to the employment of a woman or an unskilled man no employer will hesitate to employ the woman. She has been found to be quicker in acquiring skills and is far better and faster than the type of man left in the factories now."

The report gives the experience of some factories to show that the introduction of women labor has usually benefited the men, because the women have first been placed in the unskilled labor class and the men in that class moved up into the semi-skilled class, commanding higher pay.

"Equal Pay for Equal Work." "Later on," the report continues, "when practically all of the useful men had been drafted or had gone into the munition industries the labor supply department adopted the scheme of using women for every job women could do or for which men were attached to their use, agreed upon by both capital and labor, should be mentioned. It was agreed that women undertaking skilled work should receive the same day rate as skilled men and the same piece rate. A woman's wage could differ from that of a man only when employed on unskilled or semi-skilled work and then she came up under an order which fixed the minimum wage at a rate which in general came to about two-thirds of the man's wages, varying with the district involved. The lower rate on unskilled work was due to the fact that women were found to be less effective in the general tasks, because of heavy lifting and such work it was found necessary to replace two men with three women. "The conditions of pay for women have not been particularly advantageous to employers directly, but indirectly they have been of very great value. As a result of the good wages that women have been able to earn on munition work, employers have never lacked applicants for almost every kind of work. At the present time the employment of women in England is limited only to the facilities for training them. As a further result of equal wages, the class of women taken into the munition plants has been much above the class of the factory girl and the woman employed by the textile works before the war. Women of good position and with fair education have been found, and this class has had a very great influence on the variety of work on which it has been possible to employ women."

Women in Skilled Work. It soon became apparent that women could be rapidly trained into skilled workmen, according to the report. One factory, making light shells, was cited in which 94 per cent of the employees were women. "Taking shell, fuse and grenade work as a whole, the average number of women employed is about 80 per cent. Of the skilled operations, such as howitzer work, the averages are not so high, but there are individual cases which show just as high a percentage of women employees. In the largest English explosive factory there are 15,000 hands, and of these 12,000 are women. On trinitrotoluol manufacture the average is about 80 per cent women, and on picric acid the average is about 40 per cent. On filling fuses and that class of work the average is generally well over 90 per cent. "Women have undertaken work in every industry which has any bearing on munitions. Outside of the machine shops their work is very largely laboring work, and they have undertaken laboring in every industry under the worst possible conditions, even such conditions as exist in blast furnaces, acid works, iron and steel plants. "For the more highly skilled work on howitzers, airplanes, engines, etc., the minister of munitions has had to help the employers by equipping training schools. By far the greatest part of the women on that work have been trained in the factories themselves, but the smaller factories have found considerable difficulty in doing their own training, and in many factories there is too little work of this nature on which women can gradually acquire skill. "The ministry has therefore established two classes of training establishments—training schools attached to the various technical colleges that exist in most industrial centers and factories taken over by the ministry and equipped as instructional plants. They do actual munitions work in these training establishments. They do not attempt to give general training, but they give specialized training on a specific type of machine, and in that way women acquire a considerable degree of skill in a period of from six to eight weeks."—New York Times.

Rough Sort of Chap. A traveler tells of a trip on a jaunting car in Ireland, where he had as a fellow passenger an ugly looking man whom he was not sorry to leave behind at an inn. "That was a queer-looking fellow, Pat," he remarked to the wagon driver as he proceeded on his way. "Faith, yer honor, he's as queer as he looks," said the driver. "He does it by leaving his wife without visible means of support."

"Oh, get out, Pat! A man can't get 15 years' penal servitude for leaving his wife without visible means of support?" "Sure, and can't he, sir?" said Pat, with a grin. "And, indeed, isn't it leaving yer wife without 'visible means of support'—that's what the law says?" "No, it's not, Pat," said the driver. "It's leaving yer wife without 'visible means of support'—that's what the law says."—Chicago Herald.

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MY DEAR LADIES: Don't you always like February? You will agree with me I'm sure, when I say that it's a truly lovely month. Perhaps it's a remnant of our child heart's instinctive love for holidays. Do you remember the mysterious blue lace valentine that always came through the postoffice with the address PRINTED in staggering disguised letters? Didn't your heart go pit-a-pat, even though you knew your father's hand did the printing? Yet the wee tot never knows the pleasures there are in the world just waiting for her to grow up. It is a beautiful world—at least in February! New spring flowers in the florists' windows (don't they fill your heart with joy), spring hats, demure or gay (buy one, it will make a happy day), delightful new suits, blouses, dresses (displayed so charmingly). Things unique, antique, oriental, occidental, wholly alluring! Wouldn't you like to shop with me (in February)?

AS THE prices of both oriental and domestic rugs continue to advance people are using every means to conserve and restore their old rugs. The method of "shampooing" and re-sizing that has been used by the Pantorium has proved wonderfully satisfactory. You'll be delighted to see how the colors in dull and faded rugs are brought to life. They remove all dust, grease and germs in the process, and after re-sizing the rug looks like new. When you move or clean house you will do well to have your rugs renovated at the Pantorium, 16th and Jones Sts.

MISS Patriotic Patricia you love this for your southern trip! A black knitted bag with a clever decoration of wool yarn asters—

THERE is nothing more truly satisfying than an interpretation of daintiness as a becoming combination of dress and coat. Frocks of loveliness individualized by exquisite workmanship are to be found in the Ready-to-wear Department at Thompson-Belden's. An importer had a vision when he designed the dear little gown of French gray georgette and taffeta, with crisp frills and Japanese armholes. I saw there yesterday. Wouldn't you feel "sweet" in this little dress with a colonial corsage quite in keeping with it? To wear with this gown I would choose a soft taupe coat they're exhibiting, an irresistible combination of soft, lustrous silk and duvetyne, with lining of rare tapestry shades.

I FOUND beautiful Japanese crepe kimonos in all the dainty colors of the Cherry Blossom Land, and also in the darker and richer tones of the Orient at the Nippon Importing Company's showroom on Eighteenth street, yesterday.

ALL the surprises of spring are reflected in the artistically designed suits at Thompson-Belden's. You will find efficient and expert assistance in selecting just the model for your particular figure in this shop, and a display of surpassing loveliness from which to choose. A quaint little, dear little suit in soft taffeta in black and Poul blue quite captivated me. Lines were never lovelier! The coat—Eton effect, perfectly tailored, with lining of black, gold and blues. Different. Nest ce pas? The skirt has the new pletted pointed pannier overskirt lines. So chic and charming!

FOR semi-dress wear you should have one of the lovely Flanders blouses at F. W. Thorne's Shop. A beauty in dull Joffre blue has truly distinctive touches in modern beading, Japanese armholes and tabs ends below the waist line.

WOMEN everywhere have taken to the wearing of pumps and spats. You'll be impressed with the showing at Napier's Bootery, 307 So. 16th St., of Laird Schober Company's pumps, in long vamps, giving graceful, slender lines. These are shown in all the spring shades in patent leather, black domino calf, dark tan, Russia calf and soft glazed kid. You'll also like the snappy spats in light and dark gray, fawn, dark brown, service tan and white.

Fashion dictates dresses of the type you can put on in the morning, slip in, lunch in, wear to the matinee or afternoon tea, dine in, and still be correctly attired for the Red Cross dance later on—

For the woman of ample lines is the charming suit of smoke color cashmere, with two broken threaded stripes of white silk. A touch of gayety is added by a buttonhole corsage of gardenias.

ANOTHER KERNEL IN INCOME TAX NUT

Who Will Settle With Collector in the "Tax Free" Covnants Covering Loans?

"What about the provisions of the income tax law regarding the 'tax free covenant' in bonds and mortgages, trust deeds, leases and the like?" asks Charles S. Elgutter and answers himself: "That may become one of the difficult nuts to crack in determining who shall pay the normal tax to the government in making up the tax return. As you know, not a bond, mortgage, trust deed or lease of any consequence has been drawn within the past ten years without some kind of a clause requiring one or the other of the parties to the contract to assume the burden of paying some or all taxes assessed. A railroad or industrial bond, for example, invariably contains a covenant that the interest shall be paid to the holder without deduction for taxes and the like. Nine-

HATS perch or droop, brims tilt or cup, but not one hat in the whole hat department in the Brandeis Store forgets why it was created. Every single model has a French trick of making the wearer attractive in a subtle way. The lovely models with "cutey" little wings around the edge are lacquered, giving a softer appearance to the severely tailored lines. Beauties in lisse braid are attractively trimmed in burned ostrich and vulture. "Burning" is a process of treating the feathers which makes a durable trim, distinctive and decidedly new. A striking display in one large case was composed of hats in different color combinations with a dominant note of Asiatic blue, a mysteriously fascinating color. Superlatively smart Polka Dot Pokes, which originated in the Brandeis Stores, have sprung into immediate favor. Ask to see them.

SUGGESTING the charm of rare exotic blossoms is a dainty dress I saw this week at the F. W. Thorne Shop. Color—a living rose!

FAIRLY tingling with zest and enthusiasm of a new season are the Spring models at Lamond's Smart Wear for Women Shop—208 Securities Bldg. Just to give you an idea of the distinctly new features of their dresses, I saw a fresh, white crepe de chine model, pletted skirt and new trench jacket with rolled collar of gold yarn. A navy blue trottier—a combination of plain blue taffeta and polka dots on a striped foundation of soft silk, and a charming little bustle model in the new cyclamen shade, with vestee, collar and cuffs of dainty georgette.

"MY SOLDIER" on sale at Hospe's, Brandeis' and Schmoller & Mueller's music departments.

AT THE sign of the knitting needles! You'll find just what you've been needing for your knitting at the Eldridge Shop. A Chinese basket, oblong, with wrist cord, beads and tassels in color.

WELCOMELY different from the somber modes of winter are the suits which Kneeter the Tailor, 506-8 South 16th St., is making. In his shop I saw beautiful shades and weaves in all the inspired modes of spring. You may be assured of the enviable distinction of "being different" if you have a suit tailored.

IT IS Spring! and the winter wearables have given way to the daintier colorings and freshness of the new silk weaves. I saw a ravishing suit of Cascadence silk (resembles Khaki Kool) that Warren the Tailor, 24 Patterson Block, is completing for a society maid to take with her on her trip to southern shores. He's making wonderful sport skirts, in heavy crepe silks and fiber fabrics.

TWO charming gifts you'll say when you see in the Orchard & Wilhelm Gift Shop: A fish globe made of blown glass, with delightful blue decorations. In two sizes at \$11 and \$9, and a "different" candy box of old blue. Made in Japan. It's four inches in diameter and five inches high and costs \$4.

A pedestal of teak wood for the fish globe mentioned above is very artistic and completes the oriental effect.

ST. VALENTINE'S—February 14, is his day. You'll find the Matthews Book Store ready for all Valentine demands with artistic suggestions for Valentine gifts, parties, dinners and teas.

A suggestion for the dressing table—dull black Satsuma powder box, with dainty handle of dull gold, for the center of the dressing table. On each end a lacquered candlestick (\$3 for the pair) in black, with decorations of cherry blossoms. The candlesticks, of course, in color to match the cretonne hangings at each side of the table.

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JUST like a dainty jewel! A coat of ravishing color and line in crystal Bolivia, lined with soft amethyst-shaded taffeta, at the F. W. Thorne Shop.

Glad hearts, sad hearts Lots of hearts there be, But if you want to have a SWEET HEART Order it from me!

WONDERFULLY attractive box candy for St. Valentine's day is displayed in that new and charming shop CANDY LAND—opposite the Henshaw hotel.

I'D like to be the little gem That trembles on your finger, And then I'd whisper soft sweet things To you, my dear, my dear! A diamond does seem to be glowingly alive. And it is truly wonderful that you may take advantage of an opportunity to buy one of these "living gems" at the Edmonston Jewelry Shop, 212 Securities building, on the easy payment plan. They have beauties for \$50.

I know where you can get a stunning jersey frock in Asiatic blue, with yarn trim and an Egyptian ornament on black corded ribbon.

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JUST like a dainty jewel! A coat of ravishing color and line in crystal Bolivia, lined with soft amethyst-shaded taffeta, at the F. W. Thorne Shop.

Glad hearts, sad hearts Lots of hearts there be, But if you want to have a SWEET HEART Order it from me!

WONDERFULLY attractive box candy for St. Valentine's day is displayed in that new and charming shop CANDY LAND—opposite the Henshaw hotel.

I'D like to be the little gem That trembles on your finger, And then I'd whisper soft sweet things To you, my dear, my dear! A diamond does seem to be glowingly alive. And it is truly wonderful that you may take advantage of an opportunity to buy one of these "living gems" at the Edmonston Jewelry Shop, 212 Securities building, on the easy payment plan. They have beauties for \$50.

I know where you can get a stunning jersey frock in Asiatic blue, with yarn trim and an Egyptian ornament on black corded ribbon.

Unveiled maids of the Crescent are making their appearance. The tremendous increase in the cost of living in the Ottoman empire and the loss of fortunes, as well as the draining of young men for the armies, is largely responsible for this. The average girl beginner's wage is quoted at \$19 a month, where before the war the men apprentices received nothing at all for several months. This is proving a tremendous influence in breaking down the conservatism of the older Turks. Greek and Jewish women in Constantinople were the first to enter the occupations. Following them—still timid and groping—the Moslem women from the harems and jealously guarded homes are now blazing the way for a new day in the Mohammedan world.

Lush Locomotives. Stock speculator's tittle—Mar-gin. Too many toots make a man destitute. A couple of horns don't make the moon full. "Would you call a pony of brandy a spirited animal?" The hibball isn't always an antidote for low spirits.—Boston Transcript.

Interpreting Silence. "Does your wife object to your smoking in the house?" "No, verbally," said Mr. Gadspur. "No."

"But I have a little difficulty in reading her thoughts that I'm convinced there must be a great deal of truth in mental telepathy."—