

Legislation of Interest to Women

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Washington society is gathered almost daily in the galleries of the senate and house of representatives. Never in the history of the country have women and young girls taken such a keen interest in legislation and in public affairs as in the present day. It is the pleasant pastime to go up to the capitol early in the day, secure a good seat and ply the knitting or crochet needles, watch the assembling of the lawmakers, and enjoy chatting with one's friends and associates, for one may always find cousins of them in the galleries. Then a charming little luncheon is usually enjoyed in the senate or house dining rooms, and one gets downtown in time for the teas or concerts, of which latter Washington has almost surfeited the last few weeks. The last great success was the joint concert of Louise Homer and her daughter, Louis, who drew an audience filling every nook and corner of the largest theater in town. They received an ovation. It was a thrilling occasion when the famous mother presented the lovely gifted daughter and they sang many songs of the talented husband and father, Sidney Homer. The theaters have been packed to standing room, several times a week throughout the season, for the concerts of great artists and for the orchestral concerts, and higher prices are obtained here than in any other city, yet there are writers who proclaim Washington to be an unmusical city.

The young people are looking forward with impatience to this Easter season, which will be filled to overflowing with balls and dances. Mrs. Wilson heads the list of patronesses for the two Easter balls, the Dixie ball on Easter Monday night, and the Woman's Army and Navy league ball on Wednesday night of that week. The Junior league has also chosen Easter Monday night, too, for the last ball of their series, and April 15, has been chosen for the fancy dress ball of the "Club of One Hundred," the most exclusive little organization of the year.

The Princess Cantacuzene of Russia, daughter of the late Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, and granddaughter of President U. S. Grant, who has been in her native country for nearly a year with her husband and children, returned here yesterday to speak before the Congressional club on "Affairs and Conditions in Russia." She is the inspiration for the Russian Relief Fund committee organized in this country. They are now busy with arrangements for a ball to be given here late in April, in the former Imperial Russian embassy on sixteenth street, for which tickets have been placed at \$5 each. The house was built by Mrs. George M. Pullman when Gov. Frank O. Lowden, her son-in-law, came to congress. When he retired from congress and refused to run again, the house, a veritable mansion, was just completed, but Mrs. Pullman would not live in it

Benefit Concert Worker



Mrs. C. K. Smith is chairman of the ticket-selling committee for the benefit concert to be given by the music department, Omaha Woman's club, at the Y. W. C. A. auditorium on Thursday, April 29.

It is not generally known that the Woman's club is a charitable organization, but it always has been so and the demands upon it are so frequent and incessant that it is a ways and means committee was inaugurated and each department asked to plan its work in such a way that there might be an increase in the three funds of the club, viz the charitable, endowment and building funds.

The wide sympathies of club women are expressed in their charities. Their first contribution away back in 1894 was \$100 to the Omaha poor. Contributions followed to drouth sufferers in western Nebraska,

then colored children in Alabama and sufferers in Cuba. Their hearts, and money, went out to a lonely American woman in a London prison and funds for her comfort were sent. And how few think of the Omaha Woman's club when they see the kindly face of the matron at the Union station, yet monthly allowance for the Travelers' Aid is recorded on the club books year after year. Ak-Sar-Ben, the Omaha Fair and Speeding association, the City Auditorium, Child Saving Institute, City Mission, the Social Settlement, library associations, school prizes, the Day Nursery, and many more meritorious causes have been aided by the Women's club funds. The benefit concert planned by the music department, aims not only to give full value in entertainment, but to substantially reimburse the treasury of the club.

George Bakmeteff, who is now in Paris with his wife, was succeeded by Boris Bakmeteff, not related to him, and not at all in his class. The sixteenth street house is now vacant, barren of furniture and hangings, but well adapted for a ball, which promises to be the most brilliant of all the many charity balls of this year in Washington. Many people from out of town have

sent for tickets, with the announcement they intend to come in for it. Mrs. George T. Marye, one of the several Doyle sisters of Columbus, O., wife of the former United States ambassador to Russia, is chairman of the committee on arrangements. Prince and Princess Cantacuzene have spent some time in Washington during the season, and will be here again for the spring season.

Mrs. Thomas P. Walsh has led many appeals from the devastated districts of Europe, for clothing, bed clothes and such comforts, and has reinstated her sewing machines, knitting machines and work tables in her drawing room, reception room, library and music room, which were work rooms during the war period. She concentrated the work into one large room of her mansion, when the king and queen of the Belgians came to Washington, and the rugs and hangings were put in their places in the great rooms which were used for the dinner party given in honor of their majesties by this government, with Vice President and Mrs. Marshall acting as hosts. Mrs. Walsh has asked for the cast-offs of every one who will send them to her, to reconstruct into the most useful and more times than not, the most adorable little garments for children of all ages and sizes. Old stockings, silk and otherwise; old shirts, underwear, petticoats, gloves, especially long ones; old silk or beaver hats, and in fact, almost everything "one would ordinarily send to the scrap heap."

Miss Millard Makes Statement

Miss Jessie Millard is for Pershing. "He would make a good president," she says. "His wide experience," in her opinion, "would be a most valuable asset in that office. He knows conditions in all parts of our own country and of the world. He trained at West Point, spent years in the Philippines and in Cuba, has lived in San Francisco, in Texas, in the middle west, in France, and even in Tokio. He is a well-rounded man, a man of knowledge, experience and executive ability." Miss Millard will register and will cast her primary ballot for General Pershing.

end of last week and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond. She went to Augusta, Ga., on Monday.

Senator and Mrs. Hitchcock left this week for a 10-day stay at Augusta, Ga. Miss Hitchcock entertained a company at dinner on Sunday evening in honor of the young daughter of the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Romano Avezzano, Baroness Romano Avezzano, a very attractive young person who is very proud of her mother's American relatives. Her mother was formerly Miss Jacqueline Taylor of St. Louis, who had many cousins in Washington, whom she visited as a girl. They are having a wonderful reunion with their cousin "Jack."

Mr. Walter Penfield entertained a company of men at dinner Tuesday evening at the Cafe St. Mark's in honor of Mr. Eugene Ong of Boston, who, with Mrs. Ong, is a guest of the Penfields. Mrs. Penfield being in deep mourning is not taking any part in social affairs, but is entertaining their guests quietly. Mrs. Penfield's mother, Mrs. Bacon, returned a week ago from her former home in Pittsburgh, where she and the late Mr. Bacon moved from Omaha about two years ago. Mrs. Bacon spent part of the autumn in Omaha just before Mr. Bacon's death. She will remain here until after Easter. The Penfield baby will be christened here tomorrow. She is now about 6 months old, and is to be Virginia Bacon Penfield.

Mrs. Charles Johannes of Omaha, who is spending several weeks at the Willard, is leaving in another week for New York for a spring visit before returning to her home in Omaha. Mrs. Bacon was to have accompanied her to New York, but will probably have to return to Pittsburgh on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dietz of Omaha, on their way home from the south, spent some little time at the Willard and entertained many of their friends here.

Social dances are to be an interesting feature of the May day performance for the benefit of the Christ Child society.

Miss Phyllis Waterman and a very popular Omaha bachelor are the couple who will dance the steps. The bachelor's name will not be divulged until the evening of the event. Who is he? is the most interesting speculation rife among the social set of Omaha. Suffice it to say he is very eligible.

Big Sisters' Headquarters.
Omaha women who are interested in the work that is being done by the Big Sisters are invited to call at their office, 523 Peters Trust building, or telephone Douglas 6592.

Audubon Society Lecture.
Fatty Arbuckle, Charlie Chaplin and even athletic Doug Fairbanks had better think up some new comic stunts, if they expect to long be the leaders in the world of movie laughs, say members of the Omaha Audubon society, for William L. Finley, Oregon's popular biologist and lover of bird and animal life, is now directing the antics of two of the funniest comedians that ever faced a camera, namely, a roly-poly bear cub and a figgety, ordinary Oregon chipmunk. Mr. Finley will give his lecture Thursday evening at the Masonic temple, under the auspices of the Audubon society.

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Popular Visitor



Mrs. F. H. Archibald HEYD PHOTO

Many affairs have been given during the past two weeks for Mrs. F. H. Archibald of New York, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Newman. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Newman entertained 14 guests at dinner at their home in her honor. Mrs. Archibald will return home Monday evening.

Who Is the Bachelor? Everyone Asks

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Learn to Keep Antiques Old at College

Women study methods of keeping themselves looking young, but they like to learn how to keep their antique furniture looking old. Some simple methods are prescribed in the interesting furniture course at Smith college.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Whitmore is the furniture professor, and the full name of her popular course is "The Development of House Furniture from Greece and Rome to the Early 19th Century, with special attention to the adaptation of forms to the civilization of their period."

Professor Whitmore prescribes the use of a mixture consisting of four parts of linseed oil and one part each of vinegar and turpentine as the best polish for antique furniture.

She also teaches that the most effective method for making picture frames take on an air of age is to leave them alone and intentionally allow an accumulation of dust.

The girls in Professor Whitmore's course also learn how to know antiques when they see them.

Twenty-five per cent of the women employed in industries in New York are earning an average of \$10.50 per week, while 50 per cent are earning less than \$12.50 per week and 86 per cent are earning less than \$16 per week.

Camp Fire Girls

Beginning Monday, April 5, there will be a training course held once a week for Camp Fire girls. Any woman interested in Camp Fire work please call headquarters, Tyler 3762, and register.

The regular Guardians meeting will be held April 8 instead of April 1, to give all the guardians an opportunity to attend the lecture by William L. Finley, the eminent American naturalist.

April will be French Orphan month. All Camp Fire groups are asked to raise their apportion for our little girl, Marie Giofferi.

The Cheskanaw group under the guardianship of Miss Anne Ericson are busy planning a play, the proceeds of which will go toward the group expenses at camp this summer. A business meeting will be held Saturday to carry out further plans which were somewhat interrupted during the rehearsals for the recent pageant.

The Kaosu group met Tuesday and practiced songs for a Council Fire which they will have at their next meeting.

The Aokiya group held a meeting at the home of Mildred Cole on Thursday.

Miss Andree Farman, daughter of Maurice Farman, the noted airplane builder of France, is probably the youngest airwoman in the world. She is not yet 15 years of age, but is considered one of the most skilled pilots in France.

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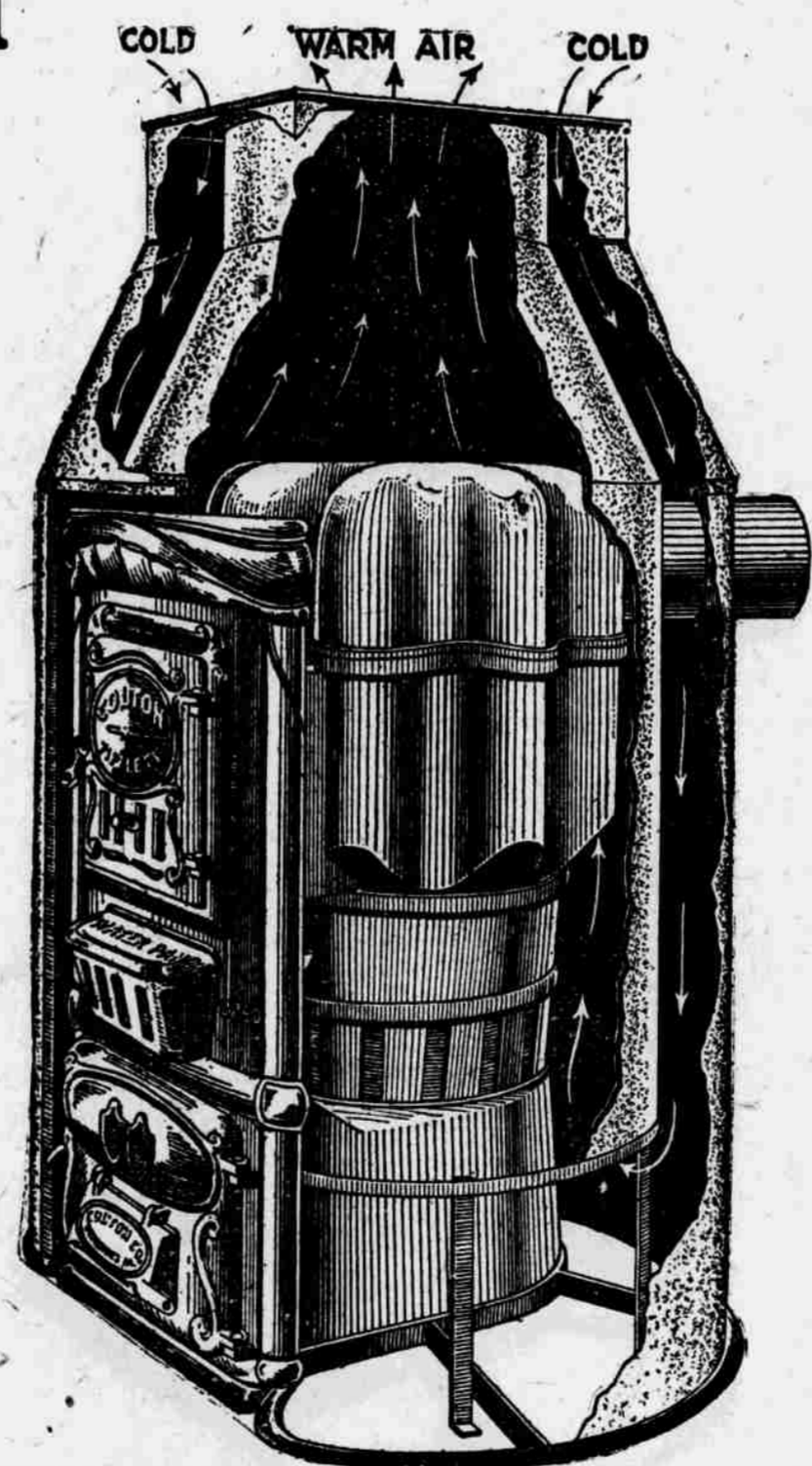
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