

Woman's Section

The Poet Sings
Of Lima
Beans

By GABBY DETAYLS.
THE town is talking again—or is it yet? Now that the lecture season is on once more, we have something to complain of! That is one of the real purposes of lectures and vaudeville. We are not obliged to like them; we can let off our steam of contempt that way. Kreyborg, who appeared before the Omaha Drama League last Monday, is the target this time.

"How silly."
"How insane!"
"Lima beans, indeed!"
"What was it all about?"
And so on the chorus goes, in what sounds like an exemplification of free verse.

Gabby doesn't pretend to be a critic, so for that reason you should enjoy what she has to say about "Lima Beans."

The critic would tell you that "Lima Beans" exemplifies Mr. Kreyborg's theory of "antimimic acting or dancing of folk or automations to an accompaniment of rhythmic lines in place of music." The characters are four, he would say, "husband, wife, voice of huckster and curtain." The pantomime suggests in its dramatic parody the contours of certain Burmese dances.

But Gabby will tell you in real plain truth that the play was a little family row. Mr. Kreyborg wrote it himself, and maybe he knew what he was writing about. He uses marionettes or wooden actors, reading their lines while his wife manipulates the strings which give life to the puppets.

Said row started over lima beans and ended the same way. That's about all there was to it; that is about all there is to most domestic quarrels. The wife, it seems, had served her husband lima beans continuously the two weeks they had been wed. One day she bought string beans for a change.

The husband comes home, and after a scene of affection, spies the string beans and goes into a rage: "A change?"

What!
From the godliest of vegetables, my kingly bean,
that soft, soothing,
succulent, caressing,
creamy, persuasively serene,
My buttery entity?

You would de throne it?
You would play renegade?
You'd raise an usurper
in the person of this
clonaged, cadaverous,
throat-scraping, greenish
caterpillar?

Whereupon wife collapses and husband stalks out. In his absence the wife like ruth struck to earth, arises again, purchases lima beans from the returned huckster, prepares them and awaits her husband, who comes home contrite and willing to eat any kind of bean. He discovers the lima, he discovers each other, kiss and make up and the play ends with a little dance.

Most poets and dramatists have made us believe that family quarrels do not bear the real trade mark unless they start over "another woman's loss of fortune, a five-dollar necklace, or some other of those breath-taking things. But there's the mistake. It is the lima bean, husband's cigar ash, the way wife threads her needle or husband unfolds his napkin, or any one of those endless trifles which are the "issue" in most domestic scenes. But such things aren't romantic. We want to be fooled and lulled by the things which dazzle—not the things we eat.

If Kreyborg had staged a love scene, a sad parting, or something of that sort, it might have been called a gem. But lima beans, and poetry, well!

HOW am I to recognize free verse? one woman asked a friend after the Kreyborg lecture.



Politics and
Debuts at
Capital

Bureau of The Bee.
Washington, Oct. 30.
Washington, which has been the most indifferent city in the country during an election year, has awakened within the past few weeks to the liveliest interest in the outcome of the voting next Tuesday. Many private homes have arranged parties where half-hourly bulletins will be read, and not a hotel, restaurant, theater club, or other public place but advertises that news almost every minute will be announced. Supper dances are quite the rule in all the eating places for the auspicious night, and after Tuesday there will be a general flocking to Washington. Things will begin to be active with a jump.

And then the debutante! She has already made her appearance—just timidly, at several small and informal teas, and a luncheon here and there. The girls have met together in this way to make their plans and dates, to avoid conflicting parties.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson appeared on Tuesday afternoon, at the first concert she has attended in more than a year, except perhaps one. She had a box on Tuesday for the first symphony concert of the season, of the New York Symphony. Walter Damrosch conducting and Fritz Kreisler, soloist. Every inch of standing room even was occupied and it was a wonderful greeting to Mr. Damrosch and to Mr. Kreisler, who received a positive ovation at the completion of his solo. Mrs. Wilson had as her guests that afternoon Mrs. Houston, wife of the secretary of the treasury; Lady Geddes, wife of the British ambassador; Mrs. Roland Morris, wife of the United States ambassador to Japan; Mrs. Norma H. Davis, wife of the under secretary of state, and Mrs. Julian James, Washington's most beautiful grande dame.

Mrs. Hitchcock and Miss Ruth Hitchcock have returned to their Washington home.

Mrs. Frank Hamilton, who has been the guest of the late Mr. Hamilton's sister, Mrs. D. C. Stapleton, in her Massachusetts avenue home, has returned to her home in Omaha. She has recently returned to this country from Spain, where she was visiting among her relatives. Mrs. Hamilton is a native Spaniard, a member of one of the old families of the nobility, and while she has returned to Omaha for a time, she is likely to eventually make her home in Spain again.

Cards have been received here from Mr. and Mrs. William Newton, of Omaha, announcing the marriage of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to William Henry Harrison, III, on October 19, in the Newton home in Omaha. The young people are on their wedding trip, motoring, and will later on make their home in the country near Omaha.

Mrs. A. Williams, jr., is expected to arrive here on Monday from Omaha, accompanied by her oldest daughter, Miss Sally Ann Williams, who has spent the past year in Omaha with her grandmother and great grandmother. Mrs. Russell Harrison and Mrs. Alvin Saunders, Mrs. Williams went a fortnight ago to the wedding of her brother, Mr. Harrison. She is stopping en route home to spend the week-end with Mrs. Dean Currier in Chicago, for whom she was a bridesmaid some years ago. Mrs. Williams and her daughter will spend a day or two in Washington en route to her home in Norfolk.

Maj. Harry O'Neill, formerly of Omaha, has been quite ill for a little time, but is out again, much to the delight of his associates, for he is sadly missed among them. Major O'Neill is quite a charming host and his favorite entertainment is a dinner party in the country, usually at Bresknoch, in Virginia, which means always a lovely motor ride.

Miss Daisy Gordon Stewart, who has visited sometimes in Omaha, has returned to Washington after many months' absence, and a long stay of serious illness. She spent the summer in Michigan with Mrs. Edward B. Caultkin, an old friend, at her summer home on Lake Huron, then she returned eastward to Annisquam, Mass., for the latter part of the summer with Mrs. Caultkin's sister, Mrs. D. Pratt, of Englewood, N. J. From there she went to Providence and spent several weeks with Mrs. Louis Hawkins, another sister of Mrs. Caultkin, and is again in Washington for the winter. She is temporarily with her cousin, Miss Orr, at 2099 F street.

Mrs. J. H. McShane and her daughter, Catherine; Mrs. H. Sterner and Miss Maple, all of Omaha, spent part of the week at the Washington hotel, here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Kuntze, also of Omaha, are at the Willard.

Beautiful Omaha Matrons

Two beautiful and well-known sisters are Mrs. George Brandeis and Mrs. Karl Lewis. At present they have as guests their mother, Mrs. Anthony Rogers, and sister, Miss Lillian Rogers of Chicago. Mrs. Harry Bosworth, another sister, also of Chicago, was recently their guest.

Little Mary Virginia is the idol of all the family. She is the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. Her aunts and grandmother from Chicago particularly delight in their trips to Omaha because of this sunny little child. Mary Virginia has not yet entered school. She has studied dancing and appeared last year in a ballet number given at a local theater.

Louise Bailey
Saturday
Bride

A yellow and blue wedding was that of Miss Louise Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bailey, and Walter W. Weeks of New York City which took place Saturday evening, in the First Presbyterian church parlor. Rev. Edwin Hart Jones read the marriage lines before a bowler of yellow chrysanthemums and palms.

Misses Florence Jenks and Martha Noble, the bridesmaids, wore frocks of yellow taffeta made round length and combined with silver lace. Their old-fashioned bouquets were of Ophelia roses.

Miss Grace Bailey, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She was gowned in pale blue taffeta under georgette of the same shade and made with short skirt and low cut bodice. With this she carried an old-fashioned bouquet of Ward roses.

The bride was lovely in her gown of flesh color chiffon over satin. The satin bodice was plain and the ruffled skirt was elaborately trimmed with flourishes of silver lace and chiffon. A veil of tulle fell from a tulle cap caught with lilies of the valley. With this bridal gown was worn the gift of the groom, a diamond and platinum bar pin, and a huge bouquet of sweetheart roses and lilies of the valley was carried.

A reception followed the ceremony and those assisting were Mrs. George Petring, Nebraska City; Mrs. Rupert Kenner, Hebron; Miss Dorothy Lynn, Grand Island; Miss Betty Kennedy, Miss Margaret Howes, Miss Ruth Nickum, Miss Elsa Smith, Miss Lucy Garvin, Omaha; Miss Margaret Harmon, Miss Susannah Jobst, Lincoln, and Miss Elizabeth Shedd, Chicago.

The out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kane and Mrs. J. W. Sharrard, New York; Mrs. H. E. Stevenson and daughter, Edith, Waterville, Kan., and Miss Kate Sharrard of Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Weeks and his bride are to reside in Marshmount Woods, New York.

Sardines Replace
Eggs in Poet's
Diet

Three soft poached eggs have lost their popularity with Mr. John Cowper Powys, noted lecturer, who is to appear Wednesday in lecture at the Fontenelle hotel. Sardines now replace the three precious and hard to find "strictly fresh eggs," in his diet.



Interested in Elections

Mrs. Byron Smith, one of Omaha's most charming matrons, is keenly interested in the events of the coming week. It is her hope that Senator Harding will be made president of the United States at the Tuesday elections. She says she has been for Harding for the last four years and was delighted with his nomination. Mrs. Smith knows Senator and Mrs. Harding personally.

Wednesday, will entertain him at luncheon preceding the lecture, and so in preparation, weeks ago, secured the promise of Mrs. Myron Learned, member of the club, to bring the eggs from the thoroughbred hens at the Learned farm. But now the courtesy committee is inquiring as to the very best brand of sardines to serve Mr. Powys at luncheon, having learned that he no longer pins his faith to fresh eggs as the means of a long life.

Convention of
Clubs Is
History

The 25th state convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs is now history. From the happy opening night, Tuesday, October 26, to the closing gathering Friday morning, harmony and good fellowship characterized the meetings. The First Congregational church, "organized in 1854" housed all the meetings.

For women who attended the convention, Fremont will always have a heart warming significance. It will recall the many courtesies coming from Mrs. D. V. Stephens, chairman of local arrangements; Mrs. W. E. Miner of Oakland, president of the Third district in which Fremont is located; Mrs. F. H. Richards who was in charge of trains, and all other members of the local committee, as well as the Commercial club and the Pathfinder hotel where every concession possible was made to the visitors from over the state.

President's Recommendations.
Mrs. John Slaker of Hastings, state president, made specific recommendations to club members, including the publication of a year book, increase of dues, and closer definition of the status of district presidents and chairmen in state and national conventions. She also set as the standard for each club, the duty of bringing one new club into the federation during the next year.

Mrs. Slaker's address Tuesday evening was devoted to "What the federation is and what it stands for." It carried information of general interest to the large audience of club women and townspeople.

Convention Celebrities.
Great force was added to the convention by Mrs. Thomas G. Winter of Minnesota, general federation president. She arrived at noon Thursday and plunged at once into the spirit of the meeting. After a light luncheon she spent part of an hour with newspaper correspondents and then went immediately to the afternoon conferences, both of which she addressed informally, her formal presentation coming at the Thursday evening session. On Friday morning, Mrs. Winter conducted a forum where club problems were freely discussed. All felt free to participate. Mrs. Winter stands for intelligent democracy among club women. She has long been in high favor in Nebraska and her presence at the convention meant much in the way of helpfulness as well as a speaker. She deplored the jazz craze and presented high ideals in music.

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tended and made reports. Miss Katherine Worley, member of the State Board of Control, presided at the Americanization conference. Mrs. Anna Morey of Hastings won favor with her illustrated lecture on "Americanization Through Art" and also with her pottery exhibit.

Mrs. M. D. Cameron of Omaha, as chairman of program, carried the major responsibility for the successful convention and has been receiving congratulations ever since the close of the meetings on her achievement, particularly for the faithfulness to schedule and the general plan which gave over mornings to business, afterwards to conferences and evenings to inspirational numbers.

A clear statement of general federation plans, interesting accounts of the board meeting following the Des Moines biennial, and the council meeting in Washington, D. C., last September, were presented by Mrs. A. E. Sheldon of Lincoln, president of the Nebraska Child Welfare bureau and Superintendent A. H. Waterhouse and D. V. Stephens of Fremont, were strong program attractions.

Dr. Lowe a Speaker.
There were several outstanding features on the program contributed by non-federation members. Dr. Titus Lowe of Omaha, gave a stirring address on citizenship Wednesday evening.

Miss Ella Thorngate and Miss Mary Louise Guy, also of Omaha, Miss Emily P. Hornberger of the Nebraska Child Welfare bureau and Superintendent A. H. Waterhouse and D. V. Stephens of Fremont, were strong program attractions.

Music.
Louise Ormsby Thompson of Central City won a place in conventionists' hearts with her songs the opening night. Mrs. E. S. Luce of Lincoln conducted assembly singing. Local artists contributed with song and instrument.

Business.
A constitutional amendment placing the dues upon a per capita basis was the biggest change made in administration affairs. Ten cents per capita is the basis of levy, with a minimum of \$2.50 for a club of 25 members or less. Mrs. R. E. McKelvey of Omaha was chairman of the constitution committee.

Important resolutions passed embraced an endorsers' board for motion pictures, probably the most far-reaching act of the convention. A bill on this subject will be presented to the next legislature. Other resolutions adopted related to education, English in the schools, Americanization or citizenship, Vocational training, Smith-Towner bill (education), library extension, Shepherd-Towner maternity bill, and a pledge to higher citizenship. Mrs. J. N. Paul was chairman of resolutions.

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A civil service law for Nebraska was endorsed, also occupational therapy, a woman's legislative council in the state, the general federation contest conducted by the literature department, and a discontinuance of the publication of details of sensational trials was recommended.

Mrs. J. N. Paul was chairman of resolutions. No elections were held this year. The indowment fund has passed the \$5,000 mark.

Social Affairs.
Social affairs did not mark the

convention unless the continued friendliness and hospitality and goodwill evidenced could be considered social. Mrs. John Slaker and Mrs. E. B. Penney of Fullerton, state vice president, honored Mrs. Winter with a dinner to which state and general federation officers and chairmen were invited. The past state presidents enjoyed a dinner as guests of Mrs. Sheldon and Mrs. Slaker. Second district delegates and visitors had a "get-together" at luncheon Thursday noon. All these events were given at Hotel Pathfinder. A gay reception was extended by the Fremont Woman's club on the opening night.

Official Registration.
Official registrations number 395, 295 of this number being delegates. General federation officers were four in number, state officers, seven; state chairman, 16; special committee heads, 10; district presidents, six, and district chairmen, 17.