

# Woman's Section

## Daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton Writes of Her Mother

Margaret Stanton Lawrence, daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who advocated "women's rights" 72 years ago, has written to the editor of the woman's section of The Bee regarding her mother.

"I am an old lady myself now," she says, "and lived through the days when my parents had rotten eggs, cabbages and brickbats hurled at them on the platform at Cooper Union, New York City, and Faneuil Hall, Boston, by the great mobs who would not let them plead for the rights of the women or the negroes. My mother visited your city (Omaha) many times when I lived there and spoke in your midst to large audiences, but a new generation has arisen since then.

Mrs. Stanton spent some time in Council Bluffs and is well remembered there. Mrs. Anna V. Metcalf of Omaha says she remembers going with her mother to call on Mrs. Stanton. Both Mrs. Stanton and Susan B. Anthony were entertained in the home of Mrs. J. N. Cornish of Omaha, mother of Mrs. Metcalf.

"When my mother was 33 years old," Mrs. Lawrence relates, "mother of three stalwart sons, she and her friends held in Seneca Falls, N. Y., July 19 and 20, 1848, the first convention ever called to discuss the rights of women. Frederick Douglass, the brilliant orator, had come down from Rochester, N. Y., to speak at the meeting. Mother asked him what it was that he saw that his people, the black slaves, needed to put them on the right plane. 'The ballot,' he promptly replied. 'And I see that the ballot is exactly what we women need,' said Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

"Then she explained to him that she had drawn up the resolution,

which shortly follows, that she would read it to the convention and that he must at once jump to his feet and make a short speech in favor of passing it. And then she would immediately do likewise.

"Resolved, That it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves the sacred right of the elective franchise.

"My mother told Mr. Douglass that in the conferences they had been holding before the convention, where she had maintained that the ballot in the hands of woman was the keynote to the situation. Lucretia Mott, the great Quaker preacher from Philadelphia, had exclaimed, 'Oh, Lizzie, if she demands that she will make us ridiculous! We must go slowly.'

"And my father, Henry Brewster Stanton, the famous anti-slavery orator, who usually stood by my mother in all she did and said, and who also worked and spoke for the cause of woman, was so amazed at her daring when she confided to him what she intended doing and would not listen to his advice that he left town and would not attend the meetings!

"But my mother felt she was right and nothing anyone said could turn her from her course. Frederick Douglass agreed with her, and said he would do all he could to help her carry her resolution.

"Then, too, she remembered the advice given her by Daniel O'Connell, the far-famed Irish orator, whom she had met in London, England, on her wedding trip in 1840, while attending the World's Anti-Slavery convention, to which my father had been sent as a delegate from the United States, and with whom my



Mrs. Chas. Metz

## To Winter in California

The holiday season over, Omahans are preparing for mid-winter trips. Some are seeking the gayety of eastern musical centers, while others are planning to spend the remainder of the winter months on the western coast. The balmy breezes of southern California are calling many of our matrons, among whom is Mrs. Charles Metz, who, with Mr. Metz, leaves for Los Angeles the latter part of January for an indefinite stay. Mr. and Mrs. Metz will leave at the same time.

## Former Omaha Girl Returns for Visit



Mrs. John R. Moser

Rinehart Marsden Photo

This interesting shadow picture will recall to her Omaha friends, Miss Gretchen Swoboda, who is now Mrs. John R. Moser of Butte, Mont. Mrs. Moser was married on September 7 last and moved to Butte, where she now resides. She has been a holiday visitor in Omaha with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Swoboda, arriving December 22. She leaves today for her home.

Mrs. Moser was graduated from Brownell Hall in 1917, later spending two and a half years abroad. Motoring is one of her favorite pleasures and she has particularly enjoyed it in the great mountains in the west.

## Miss Seventeen-Year-Old, Eager to Grow Up, Makes Mistake

By GABBY DETAYLS.

MISS Seventeen-Year-Old of our acquaintance is most eager to grow up. During the past several months, every effort has been bent toward achieving the appearance of at least 18 winters and summers. In an eastern school far from mother's watchful eye she carefully planned her wardrobe for the holidays, and at Thanksgiving time when visiting in New York she revealed in beauties of the smartest shops. A severely plain tailored suit with trim sailor hat to match was her first purchase, this being quickly followed by several blouses, the like of which are affected by business women far removed from the "debbie" stage. Of course, costumes for social functions were considered, and upon her return to school she possessed a blinging "vampish" gown of black velvet, made with scanty skirt and scantier bodice. Ah! her youthful spirits were joyous. She would treat her as though she were fully 18, going on 19. Experiments with a coiffure which tended toward a more stately appearance were very successful and it was with most self-satisfied air Miss Omaha boarded the train to return for the holidays.

She soon discovered a fellow traveler to be a young man of her elder brother's circle, who was returning from his alma mater. Conversation went right merrily for some time until the boy—well, he is probably 24—volunteered, "Honestly you don't seem the same since you've been away to school. I feel as though I should talk on psychology, and a lot of bunk like that. I guess you've just grown up. You always seemed like such a little kid."

At this 17 glowed inwardly but not for long. "You know you never seemed just like the other girls to me. You were sort of old fashioned, sweet and feminine, the kind of a girl that wears ruffles and frills and leaves off the hair nets and doesn't use big words or talk a lot about the 'new era' and junk we're all sick of hearing."

At this the girl beside him remembered her mannish suit, her hair net skinned tightly over blonde locks which curl most bewitchingly, if permitted, and her heart sank. She rallied quickly, however, and turned the subject into other channels.

In the dining car that evening the young man's keen eye noted a change in the appearance of our little friend. Into the masculine eye there leaped a note of appreciation for the dainty picture of feminine youth and beauty before him.

"You see, you make us dress that horrid mannish grown up way at school," the girl timidly explained as she blushed just like an old-fashioned girl, but whether because of the fit or the complimentary gaze of the boy, Gabby doesn't know.

## Exhibit of Old Masters Is Impressive

By MRS. ALFRED DARLOW

In looking over the exhibit of canvases done by "old masters" which is being held under the auspices of Fine Arts society in the public library one is impressed by the exquisite coloring and harmony permeating the very atmosphere of the room in which the pictures are hung. "The Hon. Mrs. Davenport," by Thomas Gainsborough, is especially

to be commented upon. "A Gentleman," by Lorenzo Lotto, an Italian artist, although representative of the style, shows a gentleman of leisure as well as most studious in expression. Mme. Vigee Lebrun's "Child of Labadye Family" is most beautiful in its appeal as well as color. The Omaha Society of Fine Arts

deserves unstinted praise for its successful efforts in bringing so far the best that can be secured, this being the third exhibit since the opening of the season, October, 1920. The present exhibit of old masters is loaned by courtesy of the noted Ehrlich galleries of New York. The time is ripe and ere long a museum will be an additional monument of beauty to our growing city



Mrs. Frank Keogh, Mary Alice and Frank, Jr.

## Happy Family Group

Mrs. Frank Keogh and her lovely children, Mary Alice and Frank, Jr., look like the happy family group they are. Mary Alice, age 6, was named for her mother, and 18-month-old Frank, as the junior indicates, was named for his father. Mrs. Keogh was formerly Miss Mary Alice Rogers, daughter of the late Thomas Rogers. Her mother, Mrs. Rogers, resides with Mrs. Keogh. Her grandfather, Milton Rogers, was one of the early settlers in Omaha. Mrs. Louis Nash is her only sister.

## Benefit Film For Big Sisters

A benefit performance will be given for the Big Sisters association by the management of the Muse theater on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, January 12 and 13, at the Muse theater, Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets. The film to be shown is "Honest Hutch," a Saturday Evening Post story. In addition to the film there will be dancing numbers by pupils from the studio of Miss Adelaide Fogel and violin solos by Miss Edith Hall, formerly of St. Louis, who is a pupil of the celebrated Max Bendix of New York. Performances on these two evenings will be at 6:30, 8:00 and 9:30.

The Big Sisters is an association of business women, whose purpose is to promote the welfare and happiness of any girl or woman needing a big sister. Lonely girls are helped to make friends. Worried and perplexed little sisters are given kindly counsel. Girls who are in financial difficulties are helped over the hard places. Sick girls are visited. All sorts of little kindnesses are shown girls and women who are strangers in the city.

Very recently one little woman who had never been in the city before came here to enter one of the hospitals. She appealed to Beatrice Fairfax before leaving home to find her a place where her 3-year-old girl could be boarded, while the mother was in the hospital. In co-operation with the Big Sisters a place was found where the child was given loving care. The Big Sisters met the mother at the train with an automobile and saw her and the child safely established, which meant a great deal to such an inexperienced person.

The Big Sisters were also able to give the mother and little one a very happy Christmas. Christmas boxes were sent to a young English woman, who is the widow of one of our soldiers, and who is in a hospital, far from home and friends. A layette is being furnished to a young unmarried mother who has been unable to prepare for the coming of her baby.

This is the first time the Big Sisters have appealed to the public to help raise funds to carry on their work.

## Burgess-Smyth Wedding of Interest Both Here and in Washington

The marriage of Miss Catherine Smyth, younger daughter of Chief Justice (of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia) and Mrs. Constantine J. Smyth, formerly of Omaha, to Charles Ward Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burgess of Omaha, which will take place next Wednesday evening is of equal interest here and in Omaha where the young people will make their future home. The ceremony will be performed at 8:30 in the evening in the beautiful ball room of the elaborate apartment house, 2400 Sixteenth street, where the Smyths live. A reception with dancing will follow when the company will include official, diplomatic and resident society.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sibbernsen of Omaha, brother-in-law and sister of the youthful bride, arrived on Wednesday to remain until after the wedding. Both will be in the wedding party, Mr. Sibbernsen as one of the groomsmen and Mrs. Sibbernsen as matron of honor. Miss Catherine Cartan of New York will be the maid of honor. She arrived here yesterday and Miss Claire Daugherty of Omaha, who will be one of the bridesmaids, arrived here Thursday. Miss Rose-Maye Keane, daughter of Senator Kendrick of Wyoming, a debutante of this season, as the bride was to have been, will be the other bridesmaid. Mr. Burgess will have his father for his best man, and the groomsmen will include, in addition to Mr. Sibbernsen, Eugene Neville of this city, Lewis Burgess of Omaha, brother of the bridegroom, and Edward Smyth, brother of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Burgess and Lewis Burgess will arrive here on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Nash, sister of Omaha. The bridegroom arrived yesterday.

A round of entertainments has been planned for the young people and crowded into a short space of time. Last night Judge and Mrs. Van Orsdale entertained a company at dinner in honor of the bride. Today Miss Margaret Crosson, daughter of Dr. Henry J. Crosson, and a great niece of the late Hon. James G. Blaine, gave a large luncheon in honor of Miss Smyth. Mr. and Mrs. Sibbernsen entertained a large company at dinner in honor of the bride at the Chamber of Commerce. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock followed by a program at 1:30 o'clock.

Maurice Block, art director for the Omaha Society of Fine Arts, will speak on "American Art."

Reservations for the luncheon may be made with Mrs. H. B. Patrick, Colfax 4004, before 9 a. m. Saturday.

Mrs. J. T. Maxwell, 2556 Marcy street, will be hostess for the home education and drama sections of the A. C. A. Wednesday afternoon.

The home education section will meet at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Phebe E. Fullaway will speak on "Cookery."

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## A. C. A. Notes

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The Washington home of the president-elect and Mrs. Harding, at 2314 Wyoming avenue, has been offered to the vice president-elect and Mrs. Coolidge for their official home after March 4. It has not been decided by the Coolidges whether they will accept the Harding house, of course on lease, or whether they will remain as hotel guests like the Marshalls have been for eight years. The Coolidges will come to the Hotel Washington for the inaugural festivities at least, and it is not at all definite whether or not they will remain there. The Harding house is a very attractive, comfortable cottage-like house, with close neighbors and in a very inaccessible place, except for motorists.