

### Drama League Is Given Book on Poetry

Miss Louise Pound, professor of English in the University of Nebraska, has presented to the Omaha Drama League for reference at the library, her book on Poetic Origins and the Ballad recently published by the MacMillan company of New York.

It is especially gratifying, say members of the Drama League, that the first contribution to the collection being made by their educational committee should come from a Nebraska author. The theme of the book is peculiarly adapted to the Drama League program this season with the coming of Mme. Marie Lydia Standish on November 22 and her recital of mediæval legends and story songs.

Prof. Pound attacks the prevailing opinion in regard to the origins of poetry and especially of the ballad. The theory which she advances is that the poetry composed by a crowd never really gets anywhere without individual artistry, that the English and Scotch ballads in most cases never were the products of the dance and offer no support to the general theory, for they were distinctly works of art.

Mme. Standish will present her story-song in the pictures and costumes of the various periods and will be accompanied by Miss Emma Menke, who has prepared the musical settings using the ancient themes as a basis.

### Y. W. C. A.

One of the departments of the Y. W. C. A. which is as busy all through the summer as it is at any other season, is the free employment bureau. Mrs. Eva G. Guernsey and her assistant, Miss Beatrice Swanson, are busy every day helping girls and women to find positions of various sorts, or finding for the employer the right girl for the position he has to offer.

Many requests are made for a place where a school girl can work for her room and board. A young woman came to the employment bureau with the request for a place for her younger sister. This young woman said she found herself handicapped in business for lack of a high school education, and she wanted her sister to have the benefit of the high school course before going into the business world. She asked Mrs. Guernsey if there were any homes listed where the younger sister could work outside of school hours in exchange for her board and room, and where the older sister could also live, paying of course for her privileges. Mrs. Guernsey will be glad to have information of any homes in the city where such an arrangement could be made.

**Business Women's Club.**  
The Omaha Business Women's club will meet for dinner Tuesday at 6:15 p. m. at the Y. W. C. A.

Class work for next year will be decided upon at this meeting. Members who are unable to be present are requested to make their selections and notify the committee prior to the meeting.

Tickets for the popular concert series, to be given at the City auditorium during the coming season under the auspices of the club, may be obtained from any member, or at downtown stores or the City auditorium after August 16.

**Relief Corps Notes.**  
U. S. Grant Woman's Relief corps will meet Tuesday, 1:30 p. m., in Memorial hall, court house.

George A. Custer Woman's Relief corps will entertain members of Custer post at a sunshine party Thursday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emery W. Johnson, 1018 South Thirty-first street.

**Spanish Club.**  
The Omaha Spanish club will meet Tuesday, 8 p. m., at the bandstand in Hanscom park.

### Education in Toys

Most every woman has a theory as to what sort of toys a child should or should not have. Usually those theories are stronger and better defined before she has had any children in her own household. She may have thought that she could be a committee of one to pass upon toys that came within reach of her own children, but she finds this impossible. She finds she cannot, and when it comes right down to it she wouldn't want to reject some of the less possible of the toys offered by relatives and friends.

Still undoubtedly there is much folly committed in the making and buying of stupid and inappropriate toys for children. The worst of them all are the toys that are so flimsily made that they break easily. Many of the attractive gifts for children that come to us from Japan have this fault. They are made of the flimsiest material, the parts are attached loosely. They are made to look at, not to be played with, to be sold quickly for profit. The child does not find pleasure in such toys. They are a constant source of disappointment.

One good way to select toys for other children is to think of the toys that have lasted the longest and proved the most pleasurable to your own children. For children are more alike in these matters than we think. Often with a little trouble you can make durable a toy that is at fault in this regard as it comes from the shops. Toy animals often have bead-headed pins for eyes. Even if these are supposed to be secure they pull out with a little effort. You might take them out at once and make eyes instead by embroidering the little discs with black embroidery silk.

Mrs. L. D. Drewery, Cincinnati society woman, has gone to Florida for the purpose of breeding and raising cattle.

### Young Visitor In Omaha

Year-old Helen Betty White, Red Cloud, Neb., has been the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. White. With her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. White, she returned to her home Wednesday.



### Prominent Club Woman May Speak Here

Mrs. Rose Berry of Berkeley, Cal., chairman of the fine arts department, General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be on the program of the state federation meeting of Colorado September 20, and it is hoped that she will speak before the Nebraska clubs early in October.

The federated clubs of Nebraska have been asked to co-operate with the clubs of Colorado, Minnesota, North Dakota, Michigan and Wisconsin in financing the traveling expenses of Mrs. Berry.

Nebraska clubs that wish to join in this plan are asked to confer at once with Mrs. Anna R. Morey of Hastings, chairman of the art department, Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, so that the itineraries may be arranged.

### Captain in Drive



Mrs. James H. Craddock is one of 10 captains recently appointed to raise funds to pay for the new building site purchased by the Omaha Woman's club.

More than one-third of the \$22,500 has been pledged to date. The captains and their assistants will continue to canvass until the entire sum is raised. A club house will be erected as soon as the ground is paid for.

Mrs. Craddock's team includes Mesdames W. A. Wilcox, Jean Johnson, W. A. Graham and John Haarmann.

### What's What



A whole volume might be written about telephone manners. One of the most annoying offenders is the man or woman who calls and, in response to the first "Hello," demands peremptorily, "Who is this?" without even ascertaining that the number is correct.

The courtesy to be observed in telephone conversation is quite simple and easy. The caller asks the operator for, say, "Atlantic, 1921." The "party called" lifts the telephone from the hook and announces distinctly, "This is Atlantic, 1921" (or in an office, names the firm). Then the caller asks, "May I speak to Mr. Mariner?" to which the answer may be that Mariner is "at the phone," or is out, or will be summoned to the telephone, as the case may be. Thus, if a wrong number has been requested or given the error can be discovered in half a minute and the right connection established. The "Who-is-this?" callers waste time for themselves, for those whom they call and for the telephone operator, yet they are the first to complain of the service. Good manners secure good service every time, everywhere. (Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Co.)

### Don't Be Narrow In Your Social Life

If you are starting out in life with the making of your social career still before you, don't make the mistake of being too narrow in your standards. Remember that the bigger the man or woman the broader can be his sympathies and the wider his acquaintance. And often a man in politics or public life lives to regret very seriously the narrower social standards of his earlier life.

**Don't Be Narrow.**  
In certain small towns the formation of narrow social lines is especially prevalent. Sometimes persons who call themselves professional people go the line against those "in trade." Sometimes the young people who have been educated in private schools look down on those who have got their education in public schools as persons of another make. Sometimes it is a prejudice against persons of a certain religious denomination. In some New England villages you know the quality all go to the Congregational church and the common folk to the Methodist and then in another village the situation will be turned about and the Methodist contingency will look with superior scorn on the Congregationalists. It isn't a matter of religious principle, of course, and religious prejudices of this sort almost never are.

**Strange Prejudices.**  
With some persons this narrow

prejudice is built upon the way people dress. In one town I know of a young woman who wears earrings who was actually kept out of a card club because of that fact. Sometimes people make absurd standards of the correct man's apparel. They seem to think that if a man wears checked clothes he is hopelessly "loud," although they may have no distinct idea at all as to what they mean by the term loud. About all any of these prejudices amount to is the admission that you are so narrow in your own outlook, so completely self-centered and fastened in a rut that no one interests you or gets your sympathy who is not in the same rut.

And this often happens: The boy who went to public school or the girl who went to the "common" church or man who wore checked clothes or the woman who lived in an undesirable neighborhood of your town goes to some other place and makes an enviable place for himself or herself. People bigger than you are over-

look any possible differences of social position. They accept these people because they have real worth or brains or fine character; and when the time comes when you would like to say that you were a friend of such a person when other people regarded him as an outcast you are utterly unable to do so.

So apart from the mere humanity in keeping your standards big and generous there is a selfish, practical side to the matter that must appeal to even the most self-interested among us.

### Mending Kettle.

A dress snap will mend a granite kettle. Put the ball through the hole and snap on the other side, riveting with a few light hammer strokes until secure. An aluminum kettle will also hold quite a while if so mended.

Mrs. William M. Graham, divorced wife of the millionaire oil magnate, will establish an interior decorating shop in New York City.

### In Behalf of the Domestic Rug

It is a mistaken idea to think that all Oriental rugs contain better colors and better materials than domestic rugs. Remember that there are Oriental rugs and Oriental rugs. Many individual Orientals are reaping a fat harvest over the present American craze for Oriental rugs at all hazards. Incessant demand for rugs and more rugs has led to less careful and painstaking methods of Oriental rug making. Don't entertain the idea that just because a rug is Oriental it is to be preferred to any sort of domestic rug.

It is a mistaken idea entertained by many people who like to talk furniture and admire antiques to speak of "Colonial mahogany" and to speak of any old furniture as being colonial. As a matter of fact there is little really colonial furniture

outside of museums in this country at present. Moreover the period when mahogany was most widely used was not in colonial days but during the early part of the last century. In France the taste for mahogany furniture coincided with the period of the directorate and the first empire, a period later than our own colonial times. Most furniture actually in use in this country in colonial days was of oak.

It is a mistake to think that a piece of furniture, because it is "solid mahogany" or "solid black walnut" or "solid oak" is vastly superior to furniture that is made with a veneer of fine wood. Many excellent pieces of furniture are made with veneer, and so long as the work is well done they are not inferior because of this.

Coolie women do the portering in some parts of India. These women are undersized, stumpy-looking little creatures, but have incredible strength.

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