

yond the senate. That he regards as the stepping stone. He aims at the presidency. And I think he cherishes the conviction that he will achieve his ambition. This young man who enters upon a senatorial career so hopefully has many elements of strength and popularity and not a few of the qualities of a leader. First of all he has enthusiasm—the enthusiasm of Blaine. He is a republican all over, and a partisan of partisans. He has the power of attracting men. He is one of the most forcible political speakers in the country. He has a proper amount of sentiment in his make up. He has imagination. He can put words together and turn graceful phrases. He is young, able, energetic, with a strong will. He has his weaknesses, too. He is nervous, and he is somewhat given to soaring the eagle after the manner of Blaine—he is a type of Blaine republicanism. But, taken altogether, he is a strong man, with a keener intellect, greater oratorical gifts, and a more aggressive, pronounced policy than most of the present party leaders. Thurston is more pliant and versatile than McKinley—he has two tunes whereas the Ohlean only has one. He has all the showy qualities of Foraker, and the judgment which the latter lacks. He has more warmth than Harrison and gets into closer contact with the people. He is more assertive than Allison. He may not be as smooth a manipulator as Quay or Platt. Mr. Thurston has mapped out a policy for himself that is peculiarly his own. He is for McKinley's protection, but he goes farther than that. He is for a policy of patriotic Americanism, a policy that will, to use his own words, intensify the American idea, induce loyalty to American institutions, develop American interests, and that will keep the American flag flying over the greatest possible territory. This may be sentimental; but there seems to be a demand for it at this time, and unless I am a poor prophet it is going to be a powerful factor in Thurston's advancement. It isn't every politician who goes to Washington with a policy of his own. Thurston is going to make his count. His first opportunity is in the existing foreign complications. He has the requisite aggressiveness and ability to keep himself and his policy to the front.

The junior senator from Nebraska certainly has a bright future before him. He has already accomplished much for a man of his years, and if he can keep his health, it is not unreasonable to expect that he will rise to the top. Allen's candle is burning down close to the stick. Thurston's has only a little more than commenced to burn. One has little or no hope of the future. The other looks with confidence to the attainment of the Great Prize.

THE EDITOR.

**SOCIAL GOSSIP**

Steve Correy was at Waterloo the first of the week.

The Y.M.C.A. will hold open house on the 18th and 20th of this month to the friends of the association. The interior of the building will be handsomely decorated and two programs of excellent merit will be provided.

There are many literary organizations in this city but about the only one that does original literary work is the English club. This club has a membership of about twenty-five. Most of the members are students of the university, and of course the English professors are included in the list of members. Last Saturday evening the club met at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wilson, at Sixteenth and Q streets and held a most interesting session. Miss Amy Bruner read a dainty little story to begin the program. It was the love story of an old maiden lady and it had touches of comedy and pathos in it that made it very interesting. It was written as natural as life, clearly drawn as an ink etching, and it showed Miss Bruner to be perfectly at home at story writing.

The only original verse on the program was a short poem by William Reed Dunroy, entitled "A Ballad of Love." Miss Anna Broady read a story that depicted childhood as natural as life. She drew a picture in which the games and sports such as we all have known in our youthful days were brought very close to the heart once more.

Following her paper Prof. Herbert Bates read a paper on Frances Thompson, the new English poet that has been attracting so much attention of late. The paper was strongly written and it gave a remarkably clear idea of the style of the poet that yet is new to most American readers. He read four poems from the author's collection, that showed the new poet to be a remarkable writer, one who has things to say and says them in a new way.

Miss Anna Prey, one of the best story writers in the club, had a story also. She usually writes humorous stories but the one she read at the club showed that, as is often the case, a humorous writer is also a master of pathos also. The story was sombre and had to do with a dead baby and a broken heart.

Keene Abbott was the critic for the evening, and he with his original and witty criticisms made the end of the program seem one of the best parts. After the critics report plates were passed and dainty sandwiches, coffee, ices and cake were served. Before breaking up Miss Katherine Melick, the presiding officer, on behalf of the club, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for the kindness shown in inviting the club to their house.

The art department of the Woman's club met last Saturday afternoon in the new art studio at the university. A goodly number of women who are interested in art met and had an interesting and instructive time. Miss Cora Parker exhibited a large number of photographs of the famous paintings in Paris and gave a conversation on the merits of the several artists represented. Mrs. Benjamin F. Bailey is the leader of this department and she always succeeds in having meetings that are interesting.

The current events department of the Woman's club meets regularly on Saturday afternoon at the Capitol building. Mrs. A. J. Sawyer presides and her tact and good leadership has much to do with the success of this department. All the principal events of the world are discussed. It is a sort of a gossip society with the world to gossip about and it is a means of making the women who attend better acquainted with the great events that are taking place in the world. The attendance is good and every one takes some part in the meeting.

The new library building at the state university is ready for occupancy at last. It is a handsome structure and fills a much needed want. The class rooms in the building are large, light and commodious. The art studio is a very fine room and when some good pictures have been donated to the university by some enterprising and philanthropic men it will be a credit to the state.

Poster exhibits are now quite the fad in the cities, but as yet Lincoln has not taken her place in the procession.

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