

furnish us with luxuries, with ease and quiet and fulness of bread.

The great question before the American people is "What will we do with our newly acquired territory?" "Territorial expansion has kept even step and pace with racial expansion from the contest for self-preservation in the dykes and ditches of Holland to the conquest for the preservation of others in the greater Antilles and the Philipines at the present." The great question before this organization is the same, "What shall we do with our newly acquired territory?" Am I presuming, in my quality of ex-club mother, in suggesting that before you publish your next atlas that you mix into the colors that will represent your territorial boundary lines, the following ingredients: 1st. The purpose of thoroughness in your study classes. That it may not be said of us that the bargain counter has crept into our club and that we have days of special sales when long tedious papers, mosaic work made up of little bits gathered from different encyclopedias find their way, and justly too, to the five-cent counter. If self-culture is the foundation on which the club is to build its superstructure of altruistic endeavor, then it must be careful to lay its foundation broad and deep, taking maybe the stones that have been buried in the chill and gloom of the earth—surrounding circumstances bearing the weight of walls, and towers and turrets of grievous burdens—taking these to carve and polish, making it may be beautiful corner stones in your stately edifice, and over the entrance I hope to see written "University Extension."

2d. Increased interest in our public schools. That women can affect legislation without the ballot has been proved beyond question. Notably is this true in educational matters. Our club women should show more interest and activity in favor of better schools and better systems of education. Over-crowded rooms, lack of proper light and air, the adaptation of the school furniture to the needs of the children, the books used, and the questions of greater consequence as to the moral influences and the teaching bearing on the real conduct of life. All of these things come within the natural province of our club women and our duty next to our homes is to secure sound and wholesome conditions for the children in our public schools—demanding also that superintendents and teachers fit pupils for citizenship, the supreme end and aim, character. Do you say that many of our club women shrink from this work because of its magnitude and comparative newness? I have found women in Nebraska quiet and modest with faces hid in the depths of sunbonnets who have more courage than some brigadier generals. Then, too, if we are true Pilgrim women we have faculty, that intangible but very real quality, with which our mothers were endowed.

In conclusion—looking out over our fair state of which we are justly proud, I see an army of women less favored than those who compose this organization. Some of them are mothers living in isolated farm houses, who rarely catch a glimpse of the higher level of what seems to them life's rugged road; beside them walk little children. Then, too, are fair young girls in our stores, in the offices, and in the factories down by the railroad tracks, and many are calling and pleading for the advantages of our civilization and education. In the words of a grand woman in an eastern state I ask, "Shall these women be denied? Shall the brain, the culture, the sympathy, trained and refined by years of study and enjoyment, refuse the appeal because it is not wrapped in a literary napkin?" In the classic tale the cripple and the giant after the long journey across the desert, approach the palm trees waving in the distance. But the

giant did not hold his superior strength and speed, for running on before the cripple and gorging himself upon the clusters before his feebler brother could come up, but he ran on swiftly to fill a pitcher with water and a basket with figs that he might return to serve him who toiled slowly and painfully forward. It is my earnest wish as it has been for two years that nothing shall be foreign to this organization that is for the good of humanity. Then will fall upon it a benediction as sweet as that of the sun setting amid peaceful splendors reminiscent of storms but prophetic of a beautiful tomorrow of unbroken peace.

Members of the N. F. W. C. two years ago you placed in my keeping a sacred trust, the best gift in your casket of jewels. Today I return the same, and yet not the same, for you have set it in hoops of steel that bind me to you. If in any way I have helped the members of this organization towards that higher development where is no count of cost, no balancing of accounts in the sacred love of helpfulness for others, in which we approach the Divine love.—I have accomplished my purpose and have not served you in vain.

My last word to you is the little story illustrating my heart thought and it is most encouraging to my successor, so do not think me egotistical. It is the story of Eberhard, the sovereign of Wurtemburg. When the Lords of Saxony, the Rhine and Bavaria boasted of their mines of precious metals, their fertile lands and their wealthy cities, Eberhard said modestly: "In my land there are no rich and populous cities, no sparkling mines, nevertheless there is a jewel of great worth to be found there. In the depths of the wildest forests and in the hut of the humblest peasant I could lay my head in safety to sleep on any subject's breast." "Oh! happy lord," exclaimed the boastful, "thou art the richest of us all. Thy territory is full of precious stones, the love of thy people."

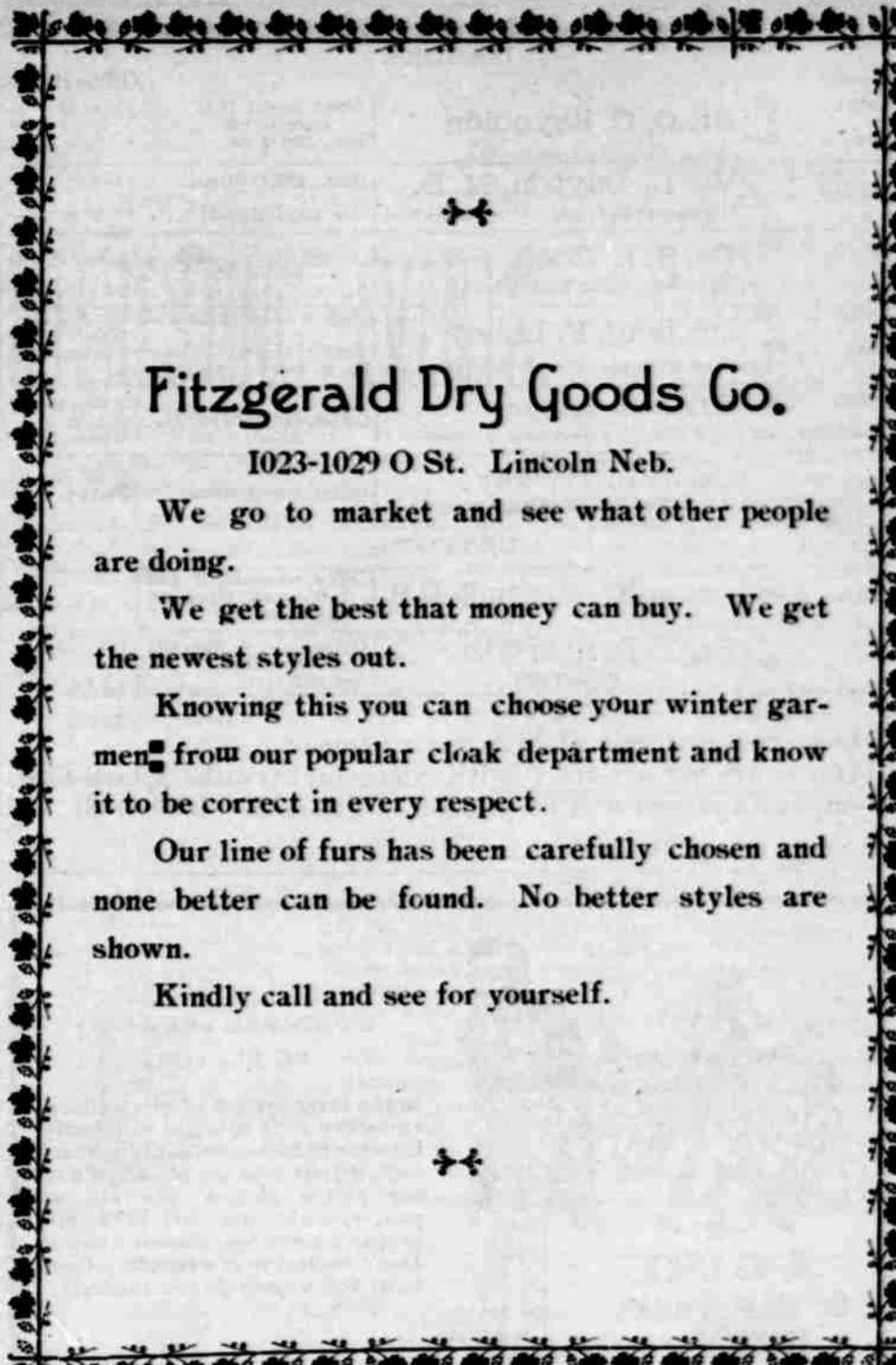
The meeting of the Woman's club Monday afternoon was of a patriotic nature. The rooms were decorated with flags which draped the stage and pianos and swung from the chandeliers. The program given by the current events department, under the assistant leadership of Mrs. F. A. Brown, presented subjects relating mainly to the United States. The meeting was not large, but the attendance was considered excellent for so gloomy a day. A number of new names were presented for membership.

The president, Mrs. A. W. Field, presided at the opening of the meeting and announced the dates for the department meetings. She also read the report of Mrs. Newmark, the delegate to the state federation at Omaha. The program then opened with a short paper on "Annexation," by Mrs. Simpkins, which was a concise review of the relations of this country with Hawaii, and the benefits to be derived from its annexation.

Miss Getner, accompanied by Miss Clark, sang "Aloha Oe!" in the Hawaiian tongue. The words were soft and musical, partly from the sweet contralto tones of Miss Getner, and also due a little to the many vowels of the language. At the close of the song Mrs. Davis spoke on the "International Outlook" and Mrs. Gustin on the "Nicaragua Canal." The latter paper showed the increased need for the completion of the canal in view of the acquisition of Hawaii and the Philippines.

The strongest paper of the afternoon was on "Ireland," by Mrs. Doyle. The writer had not only given careful study to the political history and present status of Ireland, but also felt the intense interest in her subject. Her eloquent words made Ireland's wrongs seem very real for a few moments.

The "Czar's Note," by Mrs. Lucore, touched on the question of universal



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peace. Several of the ladies who were 24th and continued till the 29th. Ladies to give reports from foreign countries interested in public work or in the women of their own land should have visited Omaha and looked in upon that magnificent body whose sessions are usually held in Washington, D. C., and at whose Triennial Council delegates from many foreign lands are in attendance.

All rose to sing "America," and on leaving were surprised to find that in spite of the variety of topics on the program, the meeting had lasted but one hour.

The first week in November Lincoln is to be honored by the presence of the two representative American women, whose work has secured to them international recognition, viz., Mrs. May Wright Sewall of Indianapolis, president of the National Council of Women of the U. S. A., and Mrs. Creighton, president of the White Cross National organization U. S. A. Mrs. Sewall will be the guest of her cousin, Mrs. M. B. Philbrick, 1003 J street; Mrs. Creighton of Mrs. Angie F. Newman, 1724 L street.

Mrs. Sewall is known as one of the finest educators of America, having for many years conducted a classical school of high rank at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Creighton's home is Portland, Oregon. Her husband is on the official roster of the Northern Pacific. Mrs. Creighton's extensive travels in China and other oriental countries has given her scope and she is well qualified for the high position she fills. Mrs. Sewall was called to London in July last to preside at the International Council of Women.

Each of these ladies come to Lincoln in the hope of organizing in our Capitol City a branch of their respective intents. Lincoln will do herself honor to receive, as she knows how to receive, these royal ladies. Mrs. Creighton was of General Miles' party at the Exposition and returned to Washington with the diplomatic guests. Mrs. Sewall presided over the National Council of Women in Omaha which convened Oct.

October 22d was Mrs. S. C. Langworthy's birthday and as she has been president of the History and Art club of Seward for the past eight years, the club has been in the habit of pleasantly remembering the occasion. Mrs. A. H. Fernald, vice-president of the club, served an elegant luncheon in honor of the day, and the secretary, Miss Bertha Schick, in an appropriate and feeling little speech said "it was the custom of the club to mark the milestones of our president's life with some kind remembrance of our love," and then on behalf of the club she presented Mrs. Langworthy with a Belgian cut glass berry bowl, and wished her to know that her happiness in receiving was but slight in comparison to the pleasure the club took in remembering the occasion.

The Parliamentary Rule and Current Topics department of the Plattsburgh Woman's club met at the residence of Mrs. S. A. Davis Friday evening. These departments are under the leadership of Mrs. Fellows and Mrs. Davis and promise to be exceedingly interesting and instructive. The president called the meeting to order and asked for short reports of the state federation meeting and the congress which followed. Several ladies gave interesting little talks and Mrs. Atwood read an extended report, having been able to be present at all of the meetings in Omaha.

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