

wandering odors, of the streets, of the fields, of the houses, of the furniture, the sweet and the unwelcome, the warm odors of summer evenings, the cold odors of winter nights, ever revived with in him far-away memories, as if scents like the aromatics which preserved mummies, retained and embalmed those extinct events."

And again:

"The shade of the plane trees spread out at their feet on the burning sidewalk, an odd stain, which one would take to be liquid, like spilled water drying."

One notices continually Maupassant's usual freshness of observation, his old trick of forever comparing the real to the artificial to give it verity to a public with whom good artifice has become the only reality. An eye glass is a "small circle of glass at the end of a black silk hair," the butterflies flutter above the turf "as if they had been suspended on the end of an elastic thread." When the great ladies of Paris are out driving in the Bois one spring morning "a breath of cold air swept by, come from afar, from the country that was hardly awake yet, and the whole Bois shivered, that coquettish, chilly, and worldly park. All the women with an almost simultaneous motion brought upon their arms and bosoms the wraps fallen behind them, and the horses, from one end of the avenue to the other, began to trot as though the sharp breeze had lashed them like a whip."

That is the sort of thing language was made for.

At the conclusion, when the painter is dying as the result of an accident and the Countess, alone with him, at his entreaty, she burns her letters. "On the file of papers, already half consumed which were twisting and turning black, she saw the red wax flowing. One would have thought it drops of blood. It seemed to come out of the very heart of the letters, out of each letter, as out of a wound, and flowed slowly toward the flame, leaving a purple train."

Router (before football game begins) I hope it won't rain.

Hooter—It would spoil the game wouldn't it?

Router—You bet it would! Why, when the ground is soft hardly anybody gets knocked out.

He—Do you believe in long engagements?

She—Well, they are better than none at all.

Passenger (on trolley car)—Why don't you stop? You've run over a man.

Conductor—Well this ain't no ambulance.

I understand Blazzy is going to get a divorce.

What's the trouble?

He says he finds club life too confining on him.

The report of the Burlington railroad for the fiscal year ending June 30 has just been issued. It shows that the Burlington is one of the few American railroads that operate over 7,000 miles and earn more than \$10,000,000 per annum. The Burlington system has now grown to 7,597 miles, and is still building extensions. During the year covered by the report, its earnings have reached the enormous total of \$13,389,000, or \$589,000 more than the previous year. It is worthy of mention that this gain is entirely from increased passenger, mail and express business, the freight earnings having fallen off. The detailed figures of the report show that the company has liberally spent money for improvements of railroad and equipment, and indicate that the Burlington standard of efficiency, always high, has been maintained.

CLUBS.

[LOUISA L. RICKETTS.]

CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

- November
3. D. A. R., Hist. of the Anabaptists...Lincoln
 4. Hist. and Art c. Germany during the first three centuries of the Christian era Seward
 4. Fin De Siecle c. Choate—Garrison—Phillips, Summer. Seward
 4. Woman's c., Puritan Eng. 1049-80, Syracuse
 4. Rev. and Art c., Fra Angelico, Lippl, York
 6. Woman's c., Shakspeare in music, Lincoln
 6. Matinee Musical, Open Meeting.....Lincoln
 7. Century c., Spanish rule in the Netherlands, Lincoln
 7. Sorosis, the Railroad and the Farmer, Lincoln
 8. Emerson circle, Emerson writings, Lincoln
 11. History and Art c., Influence of the Romans in Germany..... Seward
 11. XIX Cen. c., Painting in the Netherlands, Seward
 11. Musical dept., Music Among the Ancients, Lincoln
 11. Hall in the Grove, Italian Cities.....Lincoln
 12. Child Study dept., Growth and Use of Muscles.....Lincoln
 13. Woman's c., Has the progress of the nineteenth century increased the burden of women?.....Central City
 13. Woman's c., Philip IV and Sons, Women of Capetian Dynasty.....Minden
 13. Mat. Mus., Hungarian Melodies and Dances, Lincoln
 13. Sorosis, Reconstruction.....Stanton
 14. Fin de Siecle, Benjamin Franklin, Michael Angelo.....Seward
 16. Self Culture c., One Hundred Year's War, 1337-1453.....St. Paul
 17. Round Table, Browning--Luria, Victor Hugo--Les Miserables.....Crete
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The following extract from a letter from our beloved ex-president Mrs. S. C. Langworthy will be read with interest by the club women of Nebraska:

"Although having laid aside the responsibilities which have rested upon me during the past year, yet I can not relinquish my interest in the welfare and success of our federation.

I think The Courier, as our club organ, will do much to unify the interests of the women throughout the state—if only they will avail themselves of its usefulness.

It should reach not only every club but also the home of every club woman—where at her leisure, the ideas and suggestions of others can be thought over. I have thought if each club's president and delegate who was present at our annual meeting and who must have felt the inspiration which permeated the very atmosphere, if each of these would make a special effort to secure from their own clubs as many names as possible it would increase the value of the paper to each member. (This I hope to do next week in my own club.)

Thus it seems to me the leaven of interest will continue to work until the Courier stands for all that is best in our club work.

The Illinois federation of Women's clubs held its annual convention at Quincy last week. Mrs. Clara Farson of Chicago was re-elected president. Important action was taken concerning the reorganization of the general federation. Mrs. Penoyer L. Sherman, president of the Chicago Woman's club, presented the following: Resolved, "That the Illinois federation of Women's clubs favors a reorganization of the general federation, making it consist of state federations, national societies and clubs from the states in which federations are not organized.

This resolution causing a very spirited and able debate which lasted over three hours, was finally adopted with the following amendment offered by Mrs. Alice Bradford Wiles of Chicago. "The



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reorganization shall not take effect until the majority of the clubs now holding individual membership give consent to it."

As there are over 600 individual clubs whose connection with the general federation will be cut off by the proposed plan of reorganization this amendment would seem to be an effectual bar to the intent of Mrs. Sherman's resolution.

The Women's club of Milford held a very interesting meeting last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Emma France. It was decided at the first meeting of the present year that the club would "live in the present," for a time at least, so current topics and subjects of general interest claim the club's attention. At Tuesday's meeting the subject of special study was the Transvaal. Miss Sheely gave a description of the country, Mrs. L. P. Heeley a character sketch of president Kruger. Mrs. France the history of the Boers and their cause for revolt. Miss Grace Roe presented the Uitlander's cause for appeal to Great Britain and that country's attitude toward the Dutch Republic. After a thorough discussion of the prospect, the leader called for news first of Nebraska then of the United States, Cuba, the Philippines and foreign countries respectively. Each member had been diligent in collecting something from the news of the past week and the amount of information that was exchanged during one hour would go far toward filling the columns of a journal. A special program for one meeting of each month when friends are invited, is to be prepared by a program committee at an early date. The club closes each meeting with an exchange of household hints.

The National Industrial and Patriotic league, through its president Mrs. Charlotte Smith, is taking the initiative steps toward establishing a permanent exhibit of woman's work. Mrs. Smith is at present in New York endeavoring to secure a fund which will warrant the league in definitely launching this new enterprise. The project as far as it has been discussed proposes to secure a small plot of ground in or near Washington city on which buildings will be erected which will be supported by appropriations from the various states. Mrs. Smith recently said:

Our object is to encourage women who possess inventive genius, talent and industry. All women are dependent on each other. All cannot be domestic or professional or possess educational qualifications, but all can cooperate in the elevation of woman. To afford them an opportunity to assert their independence against custom and discriminations practiced in the past to allow them facilities to display their inventive and artistic genius, talent and industry, was the grand motive that actuated me in originating and commencing this work.

The scheme has the vague aspirations towards accomplishing something for the sex which distinguished the plans of most reformers. When the various states make appropriations to secure "the plot of ground in or near Washington and to erect buildings for the purpose of affording women an opportunity to assert their independence against customs and discriminations practiced in the past and to allow them opportunities to display their inventive and

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artistic genius, talent and industry" the pressure in each state for appropriations for state institutions, reformatory, penal, curative and educational will be less than it is today. State legislatures can scarcely be brought to appropriate enough money to adequately support state institutions, not to speak of such outside institutions as Mrs. Smith proposes to erect by state appropriations.

The recent decision of the supreme court in the case brought by the Colonial Dames of America wherein they endeavored to compel the national society of Colonial Dames of America to change their name, claiming that it was an infringement upon the name of the first society—leaves the latter organization entire liberty to rejoice in its chosen cognomen. The decision sets forth that there was no cause for action as no woman joined either society under misrepresentation. The requirements for eligibility are very different in the latter society which has an enrollment of something over 5,000, being in reality a representative, democratic organization, while the former is rigidly exclusive numbering only about 300.

The first meeting of the musical department of the Woman's club was held last Friday afternoon at the club rooms. The plan of work has not yet been definitely determined. But Mrs. Eames, leader of this new department explained the course of study followed by "the music students club extension" which is as follows: Music among the ancient Egyptians, Hebrews and Greeks; change to modern music and its causes; the Troubadours, the Minnesingers, the influence of Christian churches, rise of polyphonic school; opera and song in the eighteenth century; oratorio—beginning of instrumental music; classic and romantic composers and their works of the nineteenth century. Much interest was manifested and the further organization of the department was completed by the election of Mrs. At-