

speaker on the educational program and I'm a little fearful that he displeased quite a number of ladies by his personalities. His subject was to be "Civil Service Reform in Its Relation to the School System." He spared neither republican, democrat or populist in comparing civil service reform with the spoils system as practiced by men of all parties.

The music, with the exception of one number, was given by Columbus musicians and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The following officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Emma Page, of Syracuse; vice president, Mrs. E. J. Hainer, Aurora; recording secretary, Miss Minnie Becker, Columbus; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Miller, Douglas; secretary of general federation for Nebraska, Mrs. Belle Stout-enborough, Plattsmouth.

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Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond, chairman of the program committee of the Matinee Musicale, announces the following outline for programs to be given before the holidays. Later plans are not sufficiently developed to be given out. The full program for next Monday appears in this column. The first artist recital will be given about October thirty-first. Following that will be a piano recital by Mrs. Will Owen Jones, assisted by a vocalist.

The next program will consist of selections from light operas, and piano numbers by Miss Emily Perkins. Next will be a Strauss program, given by Miss Hoover, pianist, Mrs. R. A. Holyoke soprano, Miss Eliche, cellist, Miss Fiske, contralto, and a string quartet. Equally good attractions will be given later in the season. The artists in the club will not appear as frequently as during former years, but will give several numbers on one program instead.

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The Woman's club opened its season with a meeting held Monday afternoon in the basement of the new library building, which will be the club's home for the next five years. Mrs. F. M. Hall the new president was in the chair—that is she would have been, had there been enough chairs to "go round"—as there were not, she generously stood during the entire meeting, that some one else might sit. The attendance at this first meeting was very large and very enthusiastic, and augurs well for the year. The department leaders who were present outlined their plans for the year. The current topics and literature departments are without leaders, but it is hoped that efficient ones will soon be secured. The committee appointed to purchase the furniture for the parlors reported that nearly three hundred dollars had been spent. The club members are delighted with the work of this committee. The parlors are certainly attractive. The walls are tinted a light yellow which blends well with the oak woodwork. The rugs are in a conventional pattern carried out in green, mingled with wood browns and yellow. Two large oak tables have been provided, and a number of oak chairs. It is the purpose of the committee to put in a secretary provided with writing materials as soon as possible. Mrs. H. M. Bushnell gave an interesting report of the Los Angeles biennial, Mrs. M. H. Everett reported efficiently the state meeting held last week at Columbus, and Mrs. W. A. Poynter gave her impressions of the same meeting. The following is the outline of the regular programs for the season's work:

Oct. 27.—President's reception from 2 to 5 at the home of Mrs. F. M. Hall.

Nov. 10.—History department, W. J. Bryan will lecture on "Jefferson."

Nov. 24.—Home department, Professor Wolfe, speaker.

Dec. 8.—Art program.

Jan. 1.—New Year's reception.

Jan. 5.—Discussion of Nebraska art association exhibit.

Jan. 19.—Literature.

Feb. 2.—Parliamentary debate.

Feb. 16.—Election.

March 2.—Current topics.

March 16.—City beautiful.

March 30.—Musical.

April 13.—French.

April 27.—Physical culture.

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The president of the South Carolina Federation, Mrs. Martha O. Patterson,

of Greenville, suggests to the women of her state the importance of the study of current events, both general and political. Such study, according to Mrs. Patterson, should include "matters of interest in the literary, musical and art worlds,—the trend of the popular taste in books, the work of the great libraries, and the practicability of introducing better methods into our own small libraries; some study of the composers of the present day, and of the methods of modern art schools in London, Paris and other art centres, the causes and results of recent changes in political geography, etc. If 'the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,' surely every woman should study politics enough to direct the young about her to the duties of good citizenship."

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The following article gives Mrs. W. A. Poynter's impressions of the federation meeting at Columbus, as read by her before the Woman's club on Monday afternoon:

You have all heard of the country boy who upon making his first trip to the city complained that he was unable to see the city on account of the houses. So with me, the large number of delegates almost prevented my seeing the convention. The largest number of delegates ever enrolled in the history of the federation was present at Columbus. Quite a number of new clubs sent delegates for the first time, while only a few which have been represented at former state federation meetings failed to send delegates to this one. The arrangements made by the Columbus ladies for the entertainment of the meeting were perfect and too much can not be said in praise of the kindness and hospitality of the good people of Columbus. Not only did the people of Columbus do all in their power for the



MRS. DRAPER SMITH.

The retiring president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, who presided at the recent federation convention in Columbus.

pleasure and entertainment of the delegates, but Dame Nature gave us her kindest smile and the weather was of the Nebraska October kind at its best, which left nothing to be desired in that direction. Meeting the delegates arriving by the late trains Monday night, with carriages to convey them to the beautiful homes of those who had kindly undertaken to entertain, furnishing carriages for drives about the city every day, their kindness and solicitude for our happiness never waned for a moment, and when we left for home Friday morning I am sure every lady was ready to say Columbus ladies understood the art of entertaining.

The difficulty with which those who spoke made themselves heard, and the strain upon the delegates to hear, seems to me to emphasize the need of a study of distinct enunciation and the carrying qualities of the voice. The speaking to questions, the reading of reports, the verbal reports of committees, all should be so distinct that every delegate could hear easily. This was not always the case. Many parliamentary tangles might have been avoided, could all that was said have been heard. As it was, one could not help feeling the need of careful study and preparation in parliamentary practice.

I was impressed with the general courtesy and kindness among the ladies, though they differed so widely and decidedly in their opinions of what was

for the best interest and advancement of the federation.

You will be pleased to hear of the prominence of our own club ladies. What Mrs. Richardson said on parliamentary usage was law. Mrs. Hall's enthusiasm was contagious. No more beautiful thought was expressed than Mrs. Bushnell's eulogy of J. Sterling Morton. Mrs. Taylor presided over the civics session with a beautiful dignity and composure. Mrs. Hinman's earnestness made itself strongly felt, and when she spoke all could hear. Miss Miller was always just where she should be. She was the entire badge committee and did her duty so helpfully we felt she deserved a vote of thanks.

Miss Bullock's report was full and complete and Miss Haywood's music was highly appreciated.

The reports certainly showed efficiency and earnest work by our officers and directors.

A fine object lesson in art was given the federation by the committee on art. A large room in the corner of the opera house was filled with pictures, china, fine lace work and many pieces of pyrography. These were tastefully arranged by Mrs. F. M. Hall, and Mrs. Herrick of Columbus. Many pieces of china were used to illustrate the lectures on ceramics.

The ladies showed their appreciation by filling the room as soon as it was opened and remaining until after the business session opened.

The home department is the chief feature of club work. In fact all departments center in the home. One speaker aptly expressed this thought by saying "The home is the unit of the world," and the same thought was reiterated many times by other speakers.

Those interested in household economics met in the lobby for a general conference and exchange of ideas and plans. There seemed to be a general opinion that practical demonstrations were of great value. This department in the Omaha club was conducted on a plan something similar to ours last year, but more exhaustive, for they had books and leaflets and each member studied the subject. For tired, busy home makers who can scarcely take the time to attend, the suggestive method, as given by having a paper on a subject followed by a general discussion and exchange of methods seems to me the better way.

The social hour in the middle of the afternoon session afforded a fine opportunity for general acquaintance and is an improvement on the formal reception I think. Daintily dressed young ladies served cool and refreshing punch and the chatter of voices testified to the pleasure of the delegates in meeting each other and the call to order required sometimes the third stroke of the president's gavel before the business could be resumed. I enjoyed the reports from the different clubs over the state notwithstanding there was a quaver in the voice, or a trembling of the paper in hand, which showed the timidity of a new speaker.

The work of the coming year is in competent hands, if the introduction of our new officers is any index. I am heartily in favor of the federation of the clubs and of the annual meeting. "In union there is strength." Success is more assured by concerted action. In club work there should be "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together."

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Last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Stonebraker, the New Book Review club gave its annual banquet. These banquets are always elaborate, but this one surpassed any previous effort. Pink and white carnations, the club colors and flowers, mingled with ferns for the decorations. The dinner was a progressive one and was served in nine courses. Six persons were seated at each of the small tables which were used. A mandolin club furnished a musical accompaniment for the repast. The retiring president, Mrs. O. M. Stonebraker, was toast mistress and called for the following responses: "Toasts," Mrs. F. D. Cornell; "The N. B. R. C.," Mrs. J. H. Stephens; "The Kickers," Mr. T. J. Usher; "Why I Like Banquets," Miss Anna Howland; club poem, Mrs. Elias Baker.

The new officers of the club are, president, Mrs. A. M. Wideher; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Stevens; vice president, Miss Jennie Erb.

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Chapter V of P. E. O., met last week for the first time this fall, at the home of Mrs. Alabaster in University Place.

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The first regular meeting of the Matinee Musicale for this season will be held Monday afternoon in Fraternity hall at half after three o'clock. The secretary and treasurer will be present at 2:30 to issue membership tickets. The following program will be presented:

Piano—

A Little Story ..... Steele  
Novillaza ..... Godard  
Air de Ballet, No. 1, in G, op. 35..  
.....Chaminade  
Mrs. Minnie Rothschild-Herzog.

Songs—

Folk Song ..... MacDowell  
Thy Beaming Eyes ..... MacDowell  
Goodbye ..... Murphy  
Miss Florence Fiske.

(Accompanied by Mrs. Herzog.)

Violin—Symphonie Espagnole ..... Lalo  
Andante, Allegro non troppo.  
Mrs. Ina Ensign-Hagenow.

Song—

I Love Thee So...Reginald De Koven  
Miss Fiske.

Piano—

Caprice Espagnole ..... Moszkowski  
Mrs. Herzog.

Flower Cycle ..... Arthur Foote  
Ladies' Quartette—Mrs. R. A. Holyoke,  
Mrs. Joseph Grainger, Miss Jessie  
Lansing, Mrs. E. Lewis Baker.

1. The Trilliums.  
2. The Crocus.  
3. The Foxglove (Solo, Mrs. Holyoke).  
4. The Meadow Rue.  
5. The Columbine (Duet, Mrs. Holyoke,  
Mrs. Baker).  
6. The Cardinal.

Miss Lucy Haywood, reader.  
Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond, at the piano.

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A new club, called the Mnekelceh, has been formed by a number of young girls and will hold fortnightly meetings, principally for pleasure. The members are Misses Blossom Wilson, Ethel Burkett, Nellie Newmark, Kathryn Kimball, Lois Fossler, Helen Mitchell, Mary Stuart, Eleanor Bar-

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