

TIMELY TOPICS IN WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The clubs passed an uneventful week. The meeting of the Woman's club, however, was especially pleasant. At several of the clubs there was much side discussion regarding the members who will not attend. They are members in good standing and some with their dues unpaid who do not come once a month. It seems as though any woman who cared to join a club would certainly care to attend its meetings. Otherwise, why join? One club has taken decisive action, and those members who do not attend will be expelled to make room for active, earnest women who want to become members, but are kept out on account of the membership limit.

Another subject discussed was the unpunctuality of members. It does seem as if just when a member was making a telling point in her talk or had reached a specially interesting portion of her paper, several members would troop in. They come straggling in one by one until the interruptions seriously interfere with the opening business. They all seem to lack any feeling of responsibility. Not all, only just about half. It is their loss, too, for when the early part of a programme is lost, the entire thread of the afternoon's programme is as well. One paper supplements another, the discussions are on the same topics as the papers, and they are all at sea. They can derive little pleasure or profit from anything as unsatisfactory as that mode of procedure.

Once the president of a club in the East, not quite so amiable and long-suffering as the presidents of Butte's clubs took a decisive stand. She announced in firm tones that she was going to open the meetings promptly on the hour which had been decided upon by a majority vote. At the next meeting when she brought her gavel down there was one member present to help her out. The others came straggling in in mild surprise when they found the opening business all transacted. She kept this up just three meetings and then, disgusted and disgruntled, gave it up and the presidency. And it was not long before that club was a has-been. Not even a blot on the map now.

The general time of the afternoon clubs is 2:30. The evening clubs 8. No matter what duties any woman has she certainly ought to be able to adjust them to get there on time. If she finds she is late let her wait outside until she hears the speaker close a sentence or the business before the club reaches a point where she does not interrupt it. It is chiefly owing to carelessness, this non-attendance and unpunctuality. And so it can be remedied.

The clubs next week all have interesting programmes. The Homer, on Monday forenoon, will take up "Maria Theresa (1712-1780)," "The Seven Years' War," "Miss Crowe," "Goethe," Mrs. G. S. Rockwood; "Zollverein," Mrs. H. S. Hammond. The West Side Shakespeare club, having finished "King Henry VIII.," will take up "A Midsummer Night's Dream." They will read acts I. and II. Miss Ida Crossman will read a paper on "Thebes and Athens." The Woman's club will listen to a programme by the literature department. A piano duet by Miss Lola Emory and Mrs. Josephine MacNevin. Miss C. L. Turnley will read a paper on "French Influence and Opposition to It—Voltaire." Mrs. E. L. Renisch will have a paper on "Frederick the Great and His Family." There will be in addition the query box.

The Atlas club will have New England on the tapis. Mrs. Knight will read a paper on "Colonial History of New England." Mrs. Sadie Slater will read one on "Literary Boston." The roll call will be Brook Farm authors.

All the clubs will have the usual current topics in discussion. The Woman's club will meet in their old quarters in the Presbyterian church, which they have decided to retain for a while. The Homer club will meet in the Business association rooms in the Kingsbury block; the Atlas club will meet in the same rooms. The West Side Shakespeare club with Mrs. Laura Yancy; the Ethical Culture club in Judge Clancy's rooms in the court house.

Famous Musicians.

The Woman's club held the most delightful session of the season on Wednesday afternoon. Quite a lengthy business session occupied the first of the afternoon. In the general discussion on general topics a number of subjects appropos to the papers of the programme were read.

Miss Best acted as chairman for the music department, which gave the programme. Mrs. Newell spoke of the manner in which the New England Conservatory encouraged American talent. They have offered a prize of \$1,000 to be competed for by American composers; \$600 for the best opera and \$400 for the best half-hour symphony. President Holbrook supplemented her remarks by telling of the good work done by the conservatory right along. Of the way they help the young musicians; if any one shows remarkable talent, or she is sent abroad. If they make a success they repay the expenses; if they do not no repayment is exacted.

Miss Emory spoke of the enormous sums earned by Miss Patti, the largest ever earned by any woman, over \$300,000 in one season and \$1,000,000 for one performance. President Holbrook spoke of the recent decoration bestowed on Patti (Baroness Rolf Cederstrom) from the king of Sweden for singing in a charity concert at the royal opera house in Stockholm the order of Litteris et Artibus.

It was announced that the social and domestic science department would meet with Mrs. A. C. Nowell, 415 West Galena, on the usual day at 3:15 p. m. Mrs. Orton being absent, President

Holbrook read her paper on "The Genius of Franz Schubert." The writer commenced with the birth of Franz Peter Schubert in Vienna, Jan. 31, 1797, his father a schoolmaster, his mother an ex-cook. Of the very prolific family of 14 by his first wife, Franz being the unlucky 13th. She spoke of the reputation the family had for conscientious industry, integrity and devotion to one another. Of the love for music inherent in the entire family. From the time little Franz picked out melodies on an old piano until at the age of 7 he began studying the violin with his father and the piano with his brother, Ignas, to the time he grew beyond them was very short. He was sent to that Michael Holzer, who said: "Whenever I wished to teach him anything he always knew it already." When only 11 he was the leading soprano and violinist in the parish church. When 12 he was a pupil in the Imperial school. Mrs. Orton said in part:

"A genius is one who possesses the gift or quality of constructive imagination; he is constituted a genius by his ability to imagine and execute. In following the process of constructive imagination we find the first important element to be spontaneity of natural impulse. The value of art is in the conception, which takes shape spontaneously in the artistic genius, who is usually a man of strong emotional temperament and the end to be gained is beauty. It is in Schubert's astonishing spontaneity that his greatness largely consists. For creative spontaneity he has perhaps scarcely been equaled. The sight of verses that pleased him called forth some of the noblest of his masterpieces. His insatiable yearning to express himself in music was excited whenever he came across a dramatic poem.

"Schubert's genius found its most characteristic expression in vocal song and it is commonly agreed that he was the greatest composer of song that ever lived; intensity, power and poetical depth in song are found united in him as never before in such perfection or on such a grand scale, and he is ranked among the most perfect masters of expression the world has ever known. Schubert has probably been equaled by none except Mozart for precocity of the highest order as well as for spontaneous overflowing of musical originality. We are familiar with the stories of musicians of genius who composed at the age of 6 years and earlier, but it is not evident that Schubert began such work so early. His fantasia for four hands was written when he was 13 years of age and his first recorded song, in the following year. But there is reason for believing that he had before that time composed songs and pieces for the piano and string quartets.

Mrs. Orton gave the circumstances of Schubert's death at the age of 31, closing with: "He passed away at a time when his powers were rapidly expanding and when even great achievements though difficult to imagine, would have been a logical consequence of what had gone before." John Fiske observes: "His character was almost without a flaw; simplicity, modesty, kindness, truthfulness and fidelity were his marked attributes. He was utterly free from envy or malice, and not a trace of selfishness appears in anything he ever said or did. His life was devoted with entire disinterestedness to the pursuit of the noblest aims of art."

Miss Best sang Schubert's "Serenade" and "Am Meer" charmingly. Miss Limory accompanied.

Mrs. H. V. Winchell followed with Schubert's "On the Water" and "Who Is Sylvia?" Miss Simm accompanied. Her singing afforded the club one of the greatest pleasures of the afternoon.

Mrs. W. B. Hamilton read a sketch of Schubert, dealing principally with the profusion of his compositions, over 600 songs alone, and with his great creative spontaneity. He was awarded the palm as the very greatest of song composers.


Mrs. H. V. Winchell sang Mendelssohn's "Cradle Song" and "Spring Song" exquisitely. Miss Simm accompanying her.

Miss Best, Mrs. McNevin, Mrs. Agnew and Mrs. Hamilton read papers on various phases of Mendelssohn's life and works. Mrs. Winchell read a charming paper written by a friend belonging to a musical club in Minneapolis, the title of which is "Woman's Influence on the Music of Germany."

The West Side Shakespeare club met with Mrs. A. J. Lewis, 1106 West Caladonia street, on Tuesday evening. They finished the reading of "King Henry VIII." with the act V. The question bureau proved a pleasant and instructive feature. The paper of the evening was "Anne Boleyn and Other Wives of

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King Henry VIII" by Mrs. Lulu M. Lewis.

In New Quarters.

The Homer club on Monday, Nov. 5, met for the first time in the Business Men's association rooms, on the corner of Quartz and Main. They feel most grateful to the association for its kindness and courtesy in permitting them the use of the rooms, and it was moved and carried that a vote of thanks be extended the members of the association for so generously settling the question as to a meeting place for the club this season. A roll call was responded to by quotations from Lessing. Current events were then discussed, the question of circulating libraries receiving the most attention. Mrs. Kunkel had a good paper upon that interesting character in Germany's history—"Frederick the Great." Her paper although quite long held the closest attention of every member present, for she brought out most interestingly the events of importance during the long reign of the hero of her sketch and described his virtues and faults as a man, and the qualities of leadership that gave him the title of "Great." Mrs. Clark supplemented the paper with a few interesting remarks. Mrs. Dierks followed with a well prepared sketch upon Lessing—the great German poet and dramatist. Mrs. Speer then talked about Lessing's criticism of the group of statuary, Laocoon, and Mrs. Hight read an extract from his Minna von Barnhelm. Mrs. Shaw's sketch upon Chamisso was then read by Mrs. Kunkel, which closed the literary part of the programme, after which the business for the day was taken up. Mrs. Wellcome's resignation as a member of the club was read and accepted with sincere regret. The names of Mrs. DeWitt and Mrs. Cunningham were voted upon for membership in the club, resulting in the unanimous election of both. The meeting then adjourned.

Passing Themes.

The Atlas club met with Mrs. A. H. White last Friday afternoon, the attendance being good. An amendment to the by-laws was proposed, changing the day of meeting from Friday to Thursday and the place of meeting also. Mrs. H. R. Ricker spoke of an article in Ainslee's on the disease called by the Indians "the white death," a sort of plague which greatly resembled the fatal disease of last winter, in which so many citizens died. She related a superstitious incident regarding it.

Mrs. J. M. Hinkle spoke of the wonderful experiment made recently in Madison square, New York, in which an immense searchlight was used as a baton which directed the singing of thousands of voices. G. L. Humphrey, leader of the Seventh Regiment band,

first suggested the idea, and was laughed at, of course. The piece selected was "The Star Spangled Banner," and the result was simply grand, thousands of voices taking the cue at the proper time. All would have gone well, but when it came to the line, "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air," rockets and bombs galore burst forth and the singers were so interested for a moment they forgot to sing, and when they remembered the bands were ahead of them, but in a moment all was serene again. The effect is said to have been inspiring.

Mrs. Jesse Wardell spoke of the re-appearance of the Star of Bethlehem for the first time since it appeared at the birth of Christ. She told of Kepler's theory in 1790 that it was not one star, but such a conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn that it appeared as one star. The account was an interesting one.

Mrs. Dunn spoke of the new religion which has appeared and to which Mrs. Phoebe Hearst has become a convert. Mrs. G. H. Martius gave an account of the efforts being made to establish a national park in the East. Of one man who favors the purchase of 7,000 acres in Western Minnesota. However, Professor Young of Harvard advocated the purchase of a tract of land on a plateau between North and South Carolina. The climate was said to be just the thing for game, fish, etc. This latter can be purchased "for a song."

Mrs. G. H. Monros told of the use to which the old black house at Livingston and the adjacent cabin had been converted. It has been fitted up by the golf club and this club permits the different ladies' clubs to meet there regularly. It has been nicely fitted up, but still retains the same exterior.

It was decided that as social day came on the 30th of this month, the day following Thanksgiving, when every one would be tired out and unable to come, the social day for this month would be postponed and a blank, no meeting of the club at all.

Mrs. A. B. Knicht was to have read a paper on "Colonial History of New England," but she was not in attendance. Mrs. M. Slater read a paper on "Literary Boston." Mrs. Slater thought that our modern Athens is the most interesting of all American cities.

New Officers Chosen.

The session of the Ethical Culture club Tuesday night was devoted to the election of officers and discussion of the constitution and by-laws. Miss Storm, the retiring president, delivered a short extempore address, giving a brief outline of the object of the organization, the efforts of a few to hold it together until those most to be benefited could understand, the work accomplished since the club's inception and of the rapid growth of these last few weeks. The president spoke specially of the kindly comradeship which the club had engendered and of the harmonious, unselfish spirit which has ever pervaded the work of its members. Among the authors studied during these last six months, mention was made of Sarah Bolton, Edward Bel-

LIPTON WILL TRY ONCE MORE TO LIFT THE CUP



SIR THOMAS LIPTON,

Sir Thomas Lipton, who proved himself such a thorough sportsman in the international yacht races of 1899, has announced his intention of building another challenger in the effort to lift the cup. The challenge has been given and accepted and next summer will witness the contest over the Sandy Hook course.

What the challenge will be has not been indicated, but it is said that American models will be more closely followed than in the Shamrock. A syndicate will build the defender and an effort has been made to secure C. Oliver Ivelin as manager.

If Lipton succeeds in carrying home the cup next year he will be the first challenger to win the coveted prize. Since 1851, when scoops began to race for the cup, there have been eight contests. Twice the Canadian Atlanta

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A vote of thanks was accorded Miss Storm for the efficient methods employed in conducting the work of the club, her impartial manner in the chair and the untiring work which resulted in the organization of a club which means so much untold pleasure for the young working women of Butte. The officers elected for the ensuing term are: Miss Coy, president; Misses Dalton and Melkjohn, vice presidents; Miss Grace Sower, recording secretary; Miss Myrtle Carman, treasurer; Miss Helen O'Neill, corresponding secretary; Miss Margaret Rogers, librarian; Misses Bella Crangle, Storm and Melkjohn, membership committee. It was decided to review the life and poetry of James Russell Lowell Nov. 20, preparatory to the address of Miss Humphrey on this gifted American author. Miss Coy appointed Miss Henderson to present a biographical sketch, and Miss Helen O'Neill to review the character of his poetry.

Anaconda's Club.

Yesterday's meeting of the Anaconda Woman's club was one of the most interesting that has been held since the organization of that body. The papers read were of a most interesting and edifying character, and the comments and discussions were alive with interest.

The date of the social session which is to be held was changed from Saturday evening, Nov. 24, to Friday evening, Nov. 23. It will be given at the Montana hotel. Complete arrangements have not been made, but the programme will consist of literary and musical numbers.

Mrs. T. D. Fitzgerald read a very interesting paper on the "Church and Nation under Edward VI. and Mary." A discussion by the members of the club upon "The Manners, Customs and Dress of the Elizabethan Age" was ably led by Mrs. F. W. Peckover.

"The Character of Queen Elizabeth" was commented upon in detail in a paper by Mrs. W. E. Gaily. Mrs. Whitehill read for Mrs. G. F. Lyman, who was unable to be present, a paper treating of "Elizabeth's Reign to 1570."

After the reading of each paper it was taken under discussion by the club.

Miss Helena Gleeson, county superintendent of schools, was present, and gave some valuable suggestions as to the work of the club in the public schools. It was decided to use the club funds as far as possible to purchase a number of works of art, to be used as a circulating exhibit in the city schools. The pictures will be the property of the club, but will remain constantly in the schools, with an occasional change of location.

Notice.

It is hereby ordered that a special session of the board of county commissioners of Deer Lodge county, state of Montana, be and is hereby called to meet on Thursday, the 15th day of November, 1900, to transact the following business and to continue in session two days if necessary:

First—To take up any road matters pending before the board.

Second—To pay contingent poor bills.

Third—To make provision for furnishing court house with storm doors.

A. M. WALKER, Chairman.
JAMES W. GEARY,
T. C. DAVISON,
County Commissioners.

Dated Nov. 9, 1900.
State of Montana, County of Deer Lodge, ss. Office of County Clerk and Recorder.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the foregoing order a special session of the board of county commissioners of said county has been called and will be held at the office of the board of commissioners, at the court house in the city of Anaconda, on Thursday, the 15th day of November, 1900, to transact the business specified in the foregoing order.

Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of November, 1900.

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"Neither did the ladder," cheerfully interpolated another gentleman of the same class.

Reason for It.

From Puck.
Mrs. Galey—My parrot hasn't sworn once during the past two weeks.
Mrs. Gaily—Really? How do you account for his reformation?
Mrs. Galey—Nobody has asked him to have a cracker during that time.

ids for Keeping Poor and for Medical Treatment.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals are invited for the care and maintenance of the sick, poor and infirm of Deer Lodge county, Montana, per capita by the week, for the year 1901, said proposals to include the entire cost of feeding, clothing and nursing of the said sick, poor and infirm and the burial expenses.

Also, sealed proposals are invited to furnish medical attendance to the sick, poor and infirm of the county, and to the inmates of the county jail for said year 1901, and also proposals are invited for furnishing medicines for said sick, poor and infirm for the year 1901.

The proposals for the furnishing of medical attendance as aforesaid must include the surgical treatment of such sick, poor and infirm and the medical treatment of and attendance upon such sick, poor and infirm afflicted with contagious or infectious diseases and obstetrical cases of such sick, poor or infirm.

The bids to include post mortem examinations when required by the county attorney; also the expense incurred by the employment of any assistants in performing said post mortem examinations; also to include any expense incurred in fumigating places infected with contagious diseases.

Said proposals are invited by the board of county commissioners of Deer Lodge county.

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