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OUR CLUB NOTES

From the Woman's Literary Club
Which Meets Tuesday Afternoon
of Every Week

The club meeting for Dec. 8, the roll call was responded to by current events.

The legislative committee reported that a communication had again been sent to the D. U. R. urging the need of a waiting room.

On motion, the club endorsed the Davis Bill, soon to come before Congress, which means that letters be sent to our congressman and senators. Mrs. Cooper gave a report of the Board meeting of Oakland county Federation of Women's clubs recently held at Pontiac and the appointment of committees for the year.

The following papers were read, "Dante—His Life Works" by Mrs. Hupp. She said in part:

"In the small gray Gothic Florence, with its dark and crooked street, small squares, the fortified castles of noblemen, its many towers, with its churches and ringing bells, its joyous feasts, Dante was born in 1265.

There was no main panicle in Florence at that time, no Renaissance palaces. The construction of the Palazzo Vecchio had scarcely been begun.

Dante entered public life in 1300, he became involved in a revolution and was exiled from Florence, and died in Ravenna in 1321.

Dante discloses himself to us in three ways: First, he sings of the morning of life; second, he writes of amorous sonnets on Beatrice; third, after her death he soars higher and writes *Vita Nuova* and *Divina Commedia*. The walls of Bargaio contained a portrait of Dante by Giotto. The frescoes were whitewashed when this building was made into a prison and this portrait of Dante was not brought to light till 1844.

The second paper was, "The Angels of Milton and Dante Compared" by Mrs. Whitehead.

The third paper from Mrs. Hubert on "Petrarch, the Pioneer of the Italian Renaissance," we give extracts.

"Petrarch, born during the exile of his father and mother from Florence, their native city, became the most advanced of Italian scholars. Born at the time when his country was torn asunder by the conflict of the black and white, two opposing factions talking sides with Dante in the attempt to capture his beloved Florence, tormented by an exaggerated love for the mysterious and beautiful Laura. He yet lived to be crowned by his countrymen at Rome, choosing between that honor and that offered by Paris to become Chancellor of the university of Paris.

"His wonderfully romantic affection for Laura is the most beautiful love record, it was hopeless and yet became the incentive to the best and purest ideals. Petrarch was superior to Dante in taste, though inferior in thought and creative power.

"A school of poetry which he formed has left an indelible stamp upon the taste of his country and while much of the enchanting grace and delicacy of the Italian language is due to him, he has also given it a stability which has caused it to remain almost unchanged for the last five centuries.

"The concluding lines of his 'Epistle to Posterity,' could not be more beautiful. 'And with an earnest heart I pray that it may please God in His good time, to guide by long erring and unstable thoughts. That as hitherto they have been scattered over many earthly objects, they may now be centered in Him, the one, true, unchangeable and supreme God.'

At a recent meeting of the Executive Board of the Oakland county Federation of Women's clubs the following committees were announced.
Rest room in court house, Mrs. Joseph Neschigler, Miss Bond, Mrs. E. Hicks, Mrs. George Chary, Mrs. F. W. Brace, all of Pontiac; county house

and jail, Miss M. Baldwin, Birmingham; Mrs. M. M. Whit, Garkston; Mrs. J. L. Shroy, Pontiac; Mrs. C. Fallshaw, Holly; Mrs. E. Piercy, Farmington. Forestry and town improvement, Mrs. Hattie Wilson, Rochester; Mrs. George VanCampen, Drayton; Mrs. Celena Graves, Clawson. Legislative committee, Mrs. K. P. Rockwell, Pontiac; Mrs. E. R. Smith, Birmingham; Mrs. A. L. Moore, Pontiac; Education, Mrs. Elliott, Oxford; Mrs. George Frayne, Royal Oak; Mrs. A. L. Craft, Pontiac; Art and literature, Mrs. M. Haften, Farmington; Mrs. M. Phillips, Clawson; Miss Kate Leggett, Drayton.

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The Agricultural college announces that in addition to the special short courses in agriculture, creamery management, cheese making and fruit growing which have been given for several seasons past, two new courses, one in forestry and one in poultry culture and also a second year's course in creamery management will be given this year. These courses, with the exception of the cheese course, begin Jan. 5. The cheese course begins Feb. 15.

These are short practical courses designed for young farmers and others who wish to obtain a technical training along their chosen lines, but for various reasons cannot take up a regular college course.

A catalogue will be sent on application.

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"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery, says Mrs. O. Williams, of Bac, Kentucky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 50 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds, and for all throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at James W. Cobb's and Charles J. Shain's drug stores. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

BIRMINGHAM PRODUCTS.

We are pleased to announce the insertion on the opposite page of the starting of a campaign of publicity by Frank W. Floyd, proprietor of Floyd's Family Remedies of our village. Mr. Floyd is a firm believer in the advantage of printer's ink and we shall present to our readers from week to week a series of advertising display matter which will acquaint every reader of the ECENTRIC with Mr. Floyd's preparations.

We have personally examined his large line of preparations, some 45 in all, in addition to a complete line of perfumes and toilet articles and have also sampled many of his products and can say that it is needed to combine the most skeptical it to give these preparations a trial when their merits will become known and they will be in constant family use thereafter.

This week Mr. Floyd calls your attention to the merit of his Victor brand cleaning preparation that is now on sale at the stores of Messrs. James W. Cobb and Charles J. Shain, when any or all of Mr. Floyd's preparations can also be obtained at the lowest possible price.

Among the more seasonable articles that are in large demand at this time are Floyd's Queen Elizabeth toilet soap, Floyd's Beautislin toilet soap. These two soaps are very high grade preparations of the finest quality and are among the most exciting. Floyd's Beautislin Skin Floe is one of the most delightful, as well as the most efficacious

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The Pacific Coast extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway now under construction, opens to the settler thousands of acres of excellent agricultural land. The new country in Adams, Hettlinger, and Bowman Counties, North Dakota, and Butte County, South Dakota, is now reached by the new track. The soil is a dark loam with clay subsoil, and produces in abundance wheat, oats, barley, peas, flax, corn and potatoes. The land is well adapted to farming; good water is found at a depth of from twenty to fifty feet, and the whole country is underlaid with lignite coal that outcrops along the streams, and in most cases can be had for the digging.

The climate is healthful, the air is dry and invigorating, and the percentage of sunshiny days is high. Outdoor work can be done almost every day in the year. Rainfall is amply sufficient to raise the crops. Regular mail service has been established, the roads are good, rural telephone lines traverse the country, and automobiles are in common use. The deeded land in this district sells for from \$10 to \$18 per acre. There are many instances this year where the crop equaled five times the cost of the land.

In Butte County, South Dakota, there is considerable government land open for homestead entry. Government land offices are maintained at Lemmon, Hettlinger, and Bowman, where filings and final proofs may be made. All of these towns are on the new line of the

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In Montana, the new railroad traverses good farming land. It has been demonstrated that big crops of grain may be raised. Along the Yellowstone and Musselshell rivers, the water is used for irrigation, and phenomenal yields of alfalfa, sugar beets, and grain, are always certain. In the Judith Basin near Lewistown, Montana, is one of the most remarkable sections to be found on the new line. Under natural rainfall, the famous bench lands produced this year an average of 35 bushels of hard wheat to the acre, and the price was 90 cents per bushel. The basin contains about 1500 square miles and is sparsely settled. Some government land still remains open for settlement. A government land office is maintained at Lewistown. In Ferguson County, outside the Judith Basin, is one of the greatest stock countries in the world, and good ranches can be purchased at a reasonable figure.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. has established an immigration department for the purpose of assisting in the settlement and development of the new lands now being opened. Pamphlets descriptive of its resources will be forwarded free on request.

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Mr. Floyd's guarantee is behind each and every package and money refunded if not entirely satisfactory to the purchaser.

Mrs. McRaney's Experience.
Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Mississippi, writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by several physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Floyd's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." Sold by all druggists.

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