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OUR CLUB NOTES

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

Tuesday, April 27, found the club well represented at the home of Mrs. Stearns.

As the day was to be devoted to Washington Irving, the roll call consisted of extracts from his works.

The resignation of Miss Blodgett was tendered and accepted.

An application for membership was received from Mrs. Dickinson.

With the consent of the club the adoption of a village motto was postponed till after the literary program. Miss Post, who had charge of the afternoon, then gave a paper on Washington Irving and was assisted by readings from his works given by Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Cooper.

It was announced that the next meeting of the club, officers day, would be of a social character and the club will be entertained by the Misses Post, at the usual hour. It was announced that the subject of buying only such dried fruits, berries, vegetables, such as lettuce, string beans, etc., oysters in pails, cakes, dates, etc. as are kept covered by dealers, will be discussed.

The matter of town improvement by blocks, each block, vieing with its neighbor, was discussed at length.

The matter of a motto was taken up. Motions were made, motions were withdrawn, motions were tabled, many mottoes were suggested, but finally a motion to postpone for one week was carried.

A vote of thanks for hospitalities received was tendered to Mrs. Hemenway and to Mrs. Stearns, after which the club adjourned to meet with Miss Post May 4.

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES

Themes; Sunday morning, "God's Missionary Plan." Same sermon at Troy. Evening, "The Potter and the Clay." Jeremiah 18:3, 4.

Young People's Prayer meeting subject, "Christian in the home of the Interpreter." Eccl. 12:9-14, James 1:19-25.

A fine map has been purchased to illustrate Paul's travels in the Sabbath school lessons.

A book on rheumatism and a trial treatment of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy—liquid or tablets—is being sent free to sufferers by Dr. Shoop, of Racine, Wisconsin. You that are well, get this book for some discouraged, disheartened sufferer! Do a simple act of humanity! Point out this way to quick and certain relief! Surprise some sufferer by first getting from me the booklet and the test. He will appreciate your aid. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sermon themes, Sunday morning, "God and Gideon." Evening, "The Two Paths." B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting; Topic, "Why We Observe the Lord's Day. Leader, Mary Jackson.

The Aid Society will meet next Wednesday, with Mrs William Hunt, at Pointe Pleasant, Woodward avenue.

The End of the World,

Should it come tomorrow, would find most people suffering with some pain of either slight or serious degree. Those who use Renne's Pain-Killing Oil get relief quickly and suffer least. Taken internally it will cure colds, sore throat, colic, cholera morbus and diarrhœa. Used as a liniment it cures rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, lumbago, bruises, etc. Price 25c, 50c and $1 per bottle. Sold by James W. Cobb.

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I knows dey is wuk foh me ter do,
But I dose so dreasy thoo-o-thoo
Dat hit seem ter me dat hit dess ain' right
Foh er man ter wuk fum mawn twell night,
En I needs de coin, ca'se mah clo'es is oi
En mah pockets ain' got er thing ter hol',
But I wish dis wuk would dess lemme be
When de riveh hit keep a-coaxin' me.

O de riveh keep on a-coaxin' me—
A-coaxin', a-coaxin', a-coaxin' me—
En hit sing: "Down hyuh by de willer tree
Is de place whah er man had oughter be";

De riveh hit hums de whole day long
Dess like as if hit 'ud sing er song,
En hit seem ter chuckle: "O, doan yo' wish
Yo' could drap yo' wukyen could come en fish?"
Ef I tell de boss I dess cain' wuk
He'll cuss, en 'low dat I want ter shuk,
But, whut'll I do? Now, I want ter know,
When de riveh keep on a-coaxin' so?

O de riveh keep on a-coaxin' so—
A-coaxin', a-coaxin', a-coaxin' so—
En hit whispeh: "Man, dey is boun' ter bite
En ef yo' doan' fish, yo' doan treat em right!"

I dess cain' slave in dis br'illin' sun,
Dey ain' no use— I is nach'ly done!
When de riveh coax, I can hahdly wait,
Twell I git ez can en go dig some bait,
So I's gwine tar look foh my hook en line
En dat 'liable two-bit pole er mine,
En I'll sit en nod wid be floatin' bob—
Ca'se de riveh coax twell I lose mah job!

O de riveh hit keep a-coaxin' me—
A-coaxin', a-coaxin', a-coaxin' me—
En hit laughin' now like hit's sides done split,
"Um-huh! I knowed I could fetch yo' yit!"

Information.

"Woman," shouted the senator in thrilling tones, "woman is the sole refining and uplifting influence in the world. To-day, at this hour, men are engaged in their hidden plottings, in their dark and dangerous schemes, forgetful of the fact that this nation looks for its integrity to the home! But, does woman have a part in all these things? No. A thousand times, no! Where is woman while the men are following the devious trails of their own unworthy deeds? Where is woman?"

The speaker indulged in an oratorical pause at this moment, and a weazened man in the gallery piped out:

"I can't speak for all of them, but my wife and two or three thousand more are just now fighting each other at the remnant counter at Silx, Wullens & Co.'s department store."

Softened Her Heart.

"Now, my dear, before you criticise me any further," says Mr. Penhecker, "let me mention one thing that you seem to have forgotten. This is the anniversary of our wedding."

"And what has that to do with my objections to the way you wash the dishes?"

"Nothing whatever. Nothing at all, my angel. I was just remembering how gladly I paid the minister $50 for performing our wedding ceremony."

Mrs. Penhecker's lips lose their compression and she says:

"Well, I will say nothing more about it now; but it is just like a man to try to play on a woman's feelings when he knows she has just cause to reprimand him."

Love Vs. Health Culture.

"True love," said the lecturer, with a soulful uplift of his eyes, "true love is the greatest rejuvenator ever known. It will drive away all cares and worries; it will clarify the skin and brighten the eyes; it will smooth and clear the complexion; it will—"

"One moment, if you will pardon me," interrupted a coarse person who arose near the center of the hall.

"Yes, sir," said the lecturer.

"I can prove that love causes premature age in a woman's face."

A chorus of gasps of astonishment followed, but the person continued:

"Love causes husbands, husbands cause worry and worry causes wrinkles—and these you are."

Mercer Nesbit

STATE FAIR FACTS

Michigan State Fair Organized Just 60 Years Ago, and Is Now in a Prosperous Condition.

The Michigan State Fair was organized just 60 years ago. The fight for existence in all these years has been strenuous, and many, many times during those 60 years the clouds of failure have hovered over its future, and the outlook was everything but hopeful.

Five years ago the State Fair was permanently located in Detroit, because it was believed that with so large a population to draw attendance from the chances for success would be much brighter. There were but $17,000 in the treasury at that time, and the 144 acres of land now owned by the society cost $85,000. Detroit business men came to the aid of the society and donated heavily. Large, commodious and beautiful exhibition buildings were erected, as were also a grandstand with a seating capacity of 7,000, five stock barns, race track, bandstand and many other buildings, and the grounds were graded into streets, with cinder drives, shrubbery and trees were planted, the property was fenced, and innumerable improvements were made, and others have been made each year since until the grounds and buildings now represent an investment of nearly a half million dollars, and all this with a start of $17,000 in the treasury when the Fair moved to Detroit.

Against this nearly half million dollar plant there is a bonded indebtedness of $100,000, and outstanding notes of nearly $60,000. These notes were originally for a much greater amount, and were given to pay for additional buildings, cement walks and many other improvements, but they have been reduced each year as the profits of the annual fairs would warrant.

There are no high salaried persons connected with the State Fair. There s no extravagances or waste of money There are no suspicious transactions. Every dollar expended is by voucher check, and each check specifies what it is for. The books tell the whole story and they are open for inspection,

The State Fair is organized under the laws of the state. It is not and cannot be owned by any man or set of men.

Most other State Fairs are owned by the state in which they are located, but every effort to turn our fair over to the state has been refused on the part of the state. Michigan should own her State Fair as other states do. She should support her State Fair, and help to upbuild it. April 20, the Minnesota state legislature appropriated $100,000 for the same purpose. These are only two of the many instances where big sums have been appropriated for new State Fair buildings.

In 1905 the state of Michigan appropriated $5,000 a year for 1905 and 1906, to apply on premiums, but through a legal tangle this money was never drawn from the treasury. In 1907 the legislature made an appropriation of $10,000 each for the years 1907 and 1908, which was available. To maintain such an immense plant as the Michigan State Fair, and make such improvements as are really necessary year after year, requires a lot of money, and not receiving state aid we cannot spend a dollar excepting the profits from each annual fair. If we do not make money we cannot add improvements. We can't even paint our buildings, hence it can be readily seen why we strive so hard to make money.

There is a bill now before the legislature appropriating $10,000 each year for the next two years. We sincerely hope that it will pass and trust that our own D. A. Green of the house and Frank T. Newton of the senate will help this cause along.

Please bear in mind that the State Fair belongs to Michigan. Today it is a credit to the state. Its failure would cast a cloud upon the state. Every loyal citizen of Michigan, whether he lives north of the Straits of Mackinaw, on the east shore of Lake Michigan, or the southern tier of our state, should show his loyalty by standing by the State Fair. Help make it bigger and better. It is our State Fair. There should be no jealousies. Only those who are not familiar with the above facts are lining up against this educational feature of a great state. It can't be improved by antagonism.

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State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1909. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of **DANFORD BEACH, Deceased.**

Eugene Brooks having filed in said Court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said Court, be admitted to Probate, and that the administration of said Estate be granted to Eugene Brooks, the executor named in the will, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 8th day of May, A. D. 1909, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk.
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