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THE RISE OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The recent convention of the Federation of Women's clubs in New York advertises anew the remarkable development of women's social activities. As Rev. Percy Stickney told the women in his address, the woman's club has dethroned the "society queen."

Departed are the glories of the social saloon with its snob leadership, its display and its empty extravagances. We will grant that "society" of the old form was not without grace and refining influences, especially where intellectuality was permitted to express itself, which was seldom.

For anyone to expose an idea in the presence of society of the old type was to be guilty of an unforgivable indecency.

But in the last decade the woman's club has practically occupied the whole field. Woman first monopolized the high schools and the secondary colleges. Woman then monopolized the magazines and the books.

Finally she has seized upon those subtle forces that express themselves most effectively in community groups and gavel in hand, she is, now queen of the sentiment-molding social force.

When modern society outgrows political parties it will govern through social and community clubs. The delegation of government to representatives will not serve the future democracy as well as it has served the past oligarchy. The neighborhoods, the groups, the communities will express themselves in clubs.

We find partisan rule giving place to the non-partisan in municipalities. But all would be chaos were there no means of focusing and articulating public sentiment. The club is the thing, the man's club, the woman's club, the taxpayers' club, the improvement club, the health club, the park club, the suffrage club, the educational club, the art club and the nursing club.

Among men there is at present no such lively intellectual activity as among women. Men sit at ball games and poker games, while the women are debating weighty matters of government and culture. As a result the clubwomen have a much better grasp of the larger affairs of life than the average man has.

Anyone who does not comprehend

the tremendous force of the women's clubs is in a state of mental poverty.

An epic spectacle: A bird's eye view of the great naval battle from a Zeppelin. Suppose Homer had been a special correspondent sailing high above it all.

Most of the countries at war, or their censors, proceed on this basis: "Claim everything and concede nothing."

A good dictator empowered to enforce vegetarianism on this country for eight weeks at a stretch would have the high-cost-of-living problem in the hollow of his hand.

WHAT THE GERMANS EAT.

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD. Shepherd's food stories from Germany were secured at Rotterdam, where he went to get from travelers the real facts about how the food situation in Germany was.—Ed.

Rotterdam, May 28.—(By Mail)—The German government is regulating the food supply for the poor but so far it has not taken in hand the control of food for the rich. The many travelers from Germany who gave their ideas of the German food situation to me here all complained that the wonderful, scientific food conservation scheme of the Germans broke down when it came to dealing with the food of the rich. This is why there are food riots in Germany. Injustice exists and civilians of German towns realize it. "Poor people must stand in line for hours before a meat shop, providing they have five or six marks for a pound of meat," said one German I met in Rotterdam. "Maybe the meat supply in the shop will hold out until their turn comes in the line and maybe it won't. But rich people can hire a servant whose sole duty is to stand in the meat line every day, from 1 o'clock in the morning until the day's supply of meat for the rich man's household is secured. And even if the rich man's servant fails to buy meat, he and his family can always go to a hotel or restaurant and get meat on every day in the week except Tuesday and Friday. The authorities may frown on a household going to a restaurant every day, but there is no law against it and if the householder doesn't want to be criticized for doing this he has only to go to a different restaurant every day and his unpatriotic practice will not be noticed."

The idea seems to be growing among the middle and lower classes in Germany that the only fair way to deal with the food conservation plan is to put all civilians on a ration basis, each person being granted only a certain quantity of food every day and each individual being sure of receiving the full quantity. "In a war like ours," said this German, who had Socialistic leanings, there ought to be no rich or poor. Everybody ought to be on the same basis and many Germans think it is monstrous that the poor should suffer more than the rich. We all feel that if the war goes on every person rich and poor ought to be supplied with a daily ration ticket. With this ticket a poor man will be certain of receiving all the food he needs for his family and the rich man will not be able to secure any more than the poor whether he eats at a hotel or at home."

It is to placate the poor and the middle classes of German towns that the government soup wagons pass through the streets. The restaurants and rich hotels of German cities where a man with money enough had

only to go in and express his desires in order to have them fulfilled, became sources of irritation to German civilians.

The government therefore tried to bring restaurant conditions to the people by establishing the food wagons.

In many households cooking is almost a thing of the past. Housekeepers wait for the passing of the food wagon and run out with receptacles to purchase the current meal, which usually consists of war bread and a vegetable soup.

The food wagons however, while they may satisfy the hunger of the populace do not, I gathered in Rotterdam, satisfy the popular demand for more justice in the distribution of food.

CONVOCATION IS ENDED.

La Grande People Take Active Part in Service.

Baker, June 23.—With the confirmation of a class of 10 by Bishop Robert L. Paddock last evening, the Episcopal convocation, held the past two days at St. Stephen's church in this city, came to a close. The sermon at the confirmation services which closed the convocation was preached by Rev. Dr. Van Waters of Portland, who spoke on the subject of Unity.

The services of the convocation opened yesterday with the Communion service celebrated by Dr. U. H. Gibbs of La Grande, who yesterday observed the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and a communicant at the service was Rev. Dr. Owen F. Jones, rector of St. Stephen's church, who yesterday celebrated the 19th anniversary of his ordination as a deacon. This service took place at 7:30 a. m. and many received communion.

The principal business of the convocation yesterday was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Chancellor, J. D. Slater of La Grande; secretary, Rev. B. A. Warren, The Dalles; treasurer, Dr. Carl G. Patterson of Baker. Rev. Owen F. Jones was elected clerical delegate to the triennial convocation at St. Louis, Mo., next October, with Rev. C. H. Powell of Cove as alternate. Otis Patterson of Canyon City was elected by delegate to the triennial convocation, with J. D. Slater of La Grande as alternate.

The morning session was devoted to unfinished business, consisting largely of committee and rectors' reports for the year, the session being opened with the service conducted by Rev. C. H. Powell of Cove.

In the afternoon the convocation and House of Churchwomen met in joint session, the ladies' organization concluding its business and the program as announced carried out in detail. At the election of officers for the next year the House of Churchwomen named the following: President, Mrs. S. H. Sturgiss of Pendleton; Mrs. Carl G. Patterson of Baker; secretary, Mrs. C. C. Dodge of Ontario; treasurer, Mrs. A. E. MacNamara of Hood River.

The session just closed was a most successful one in every way, accomplishing much toward the general welfare of the diocese, was largely attended and marked by excellent addresses and interesting services. In their closing session the delegates passed resolutions of appreciation at the effort made by St. Stephen's parishioners in their behalf and also the press of Baker for the manner in which the convocation reports were handled and for the publicity given beforehand. The greater number of the visitors left for their homes last evening and the others expect to depart today.

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Crops Suffered.
Walla Walla, Wash., June 20.—That the hot winds of Friday and yesterday have done heavy damage to fall-sown wheat of the Wall Walla valley was the unanimous opinion of wheat-growers who were in the city yesterday. In the Dry Creek section and on Eureka Flat, it is claimed, some fields have been turned a rusty brown by the northern blasts and some growers were so pessimistic as to predict that they wouldn't get more than a 60 per cent crop. The wind occurred just at a time when the fall-sown wheat is well headed and was in the "dough" stage, so that it is feared that the loss will be heavy.
In the Touchet district, and between here and Touchet, acc. Sheriff George Thompson who made a trip through that locality yesterday, the fields suffered to a considerable extent. One large field, in particular, he noticed, had turned yellow as though the plants had been scared by a furnace blast. Heretofore this field had been considered remarkable for its green and healthy appearance and for its promise of a big crop.
Coming, as it did, close upon the unfavorable weather of spring months when the wheat was held back and its growth retarded by cold, wet weather, the hot spell of the past few days has disheartened wheat men to some extent. In the foothills, it is claimed, the grain shows little effect of the warm weather and is developing rapidly.
There have been no sales on consequence in the market the past week, the growers still in possession of their 1915 crop evidently desiring to hold for higher prices. The unfavorable weather of the past few days has had the effect of tightening their grip upon their grain.
Cloudy and threatening weather is predicted for this locality tonight and tomorrow, and there is a possibility of rain following the heat wave. Showers at this time would be of untold benefit to all farmers, hay men, gardeners and orchardists.
Reports of damage from the hot wave have been received from portions of Umatilla county, where the growers complained as long ago as Wednesday that their crops were damaged. Since that time the mercury has climbed steadily each day, and the wind has been more torrid than earlier in the week.

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FRUGALITY
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IN a miscellaneous program of an hour and a half of love, laughter and pathos Wood Briggs will present his inimitable lecture entitled, "It's Funny, but Is It Art?" at the Chautauqua. Wood Briggs is one of the best known of the story tellers of the east, and many say that he is the equal of Bob Taylor, the famous Kentucky humorist.
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THERE'S NO ICE BUT A KINDLY TWINKLE IN CANDIDATE HUGHES' EYE
This picture of the former supreme court justice, now republican candidate for president, shows him in a genial mood—not the austere mask in which he usually is pictured. There are wrinkles of kindness around his eyes and a pleasant upturn to the lips, seen through the famous whiskers. Also the picture plainly shows Hughes' hair is getting scarce.