

SUFFRAGISTS IN THE ROSE CITY

National Officers Arrive and Proceed to Business.

INTEREST IN CONVENTION

Many Famous, Headed by "Aunt Susan" Anthony, Come to Portland to Attend Gathering of Workers in the Cause.

YESTERDAY'S ATTENDANCE 13,000. The attendance yesterday at the Exposition was 13,000. Yesterday morning when the clouds showed signs of breaking people were flocking to the Exposition by the hundreds.

Portland is now the stronghold of the woman suffrage movement, and for the next week will be dominated by the "eternal feminine" who would vote. Those people who hold positive views in the negative are the officers and the ballot will do well to keep in the background.

Many Delegates Arriving. Many delegates are arriving on each train, and a total attendance of several hundred is expected before the end of the week.

At the head of the official caravan came yesterday a Susan B. Anthony, honorary life president of the association. Miss Anthony is 83 years of age, but still active in the cause for which she has labored for more than 50 years.

More active direction of the association's business are Rev. Anna Shaw, of Philadelphia, National president, and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance.

The people of Portland are glad to welcome these earnest women to the city and to the Exposition. Regardless of the individual views of the women, there is a universal suffrage, which wish them a pleasant and successful meeting, and will do their best, hoping for fair weather.

Officers in Consultation. The seven officers of the National organization were in consultation for several hours during the afternoon. Susan B. Anthony, honorary president, and Rev. Anna H. Shaw, president, sat side by side, around them women of National reputation—Carrie Chapman Catt, vice-president of the American National Equal Suffrage Association and president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, which is composed of national and state associations from every portion of the civilized world.

Prominent Women Here. Meanwhile other prominent women gathered to talk over the Oregon situation or visited members of the Oregon association at their homes.

MILWAUKIE COUNTRY CLUB. Easterners in Seattle cars. Take the Wood and Green City cars. First and Alder.

came in with the official party at 1 o'clock are Ida Husted Harper, whose fame as a literary woman, speaker and organizer is international; Charlotte Perkins Gilman, poet, novelist, lecturer; Mrs. Mary C. Bradford, of Colorado, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs; Miss Laura Gregg, of Nebraska, National organizer; Mrs. Ellis Meredith, prominent newspaper correspondent and magazine writer of Denver; Mrs. Mary Chase, of New Hampshire, National organizer; Mrs. Maud Wood Park, Boston; Mrs. Mabel Craft Eslinger, San Francisco, Cal.; Henry Blackwell, Boston, senior editor of the Woman's Journal; and a life-long worker in the cause; Miss Gail Laughlin, National organizer and speaker; Frances Wright, of the National Woman's State Association; Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbour, New York, president; Mrs. Mary J. Coggeshall, Iowa, president Iowa State Association.

President Is Busy. Rev. Anna H. Shaw was a busy woman yesterday and will be every minute of the time she is in Portland, but she good-naturedly resigned her chair to Mrs. Catt at the official conference yesterday and has on the states to talk about equal suffrage. She has great faith in the West and looks to the women in this great Western country to accomplish more in the movement than is possible in the East.

Look to the West. "It is to the West we look for great results in this movement," she said, "because Eastern States have too great a foreign element and a foreign element which cannot be overcome in one generation. Foreigners and negroes are the greatest menace against equal suffrage for women which we have to combat. Why? Because emigrant classes once emancipated become the greatest tyrants on earth. Foreigners who emigrate to this country have been down-trodden, the best of years falling on their women and their children in their own land their women are held down more firmly than ever by them. In the case of negroes—one can never convince a negro that a woman is not a human being, but speak her own mind or cast her own vote, and the negro vote is always solidly against suffrage.

Movement Grows Rapidly. "No other movement has grown so rapidly as ours. Formerly stood entirely alone and other women's organizations stood aloof from it, but now it is spreading so rapidly that nearly every town in the West has a woman suffrage movement in the making. This is especially noticeable in the case of Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico and Arizona applying for statehood and including women, idiots, making lunatics and criminals in one class not allowed to vote. The National Equal Suffrage Association protested and more than 30 prominent women's organizations in the country have joined in a determined effort to play an important part at the Exposition, as hundreds of wearers of the emblem assembled at the Dream City to open the first day's session of the W. C. T. U. convention, June 27 and 28.

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Kate Gordon's Work. Kate Gordon, of New Orleans, secretary of the National Association, is a woman of remarkable executive ability. With a small number of women suffrage enthusiasts, and at a time when the movement in that city had not been more than six months, she succeeded in procuring a petition signed by such numbers that there was no alternative but to permit women taxpayers to vote on matters involving taxation. And through this she succeeded in having the women of New Orleans to foot \$4,500,000 bonds to provide an underground drainage system for that city which has harbored pestilence through lack of such facilities for a hundred years.

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of Hoquiam. Miss Ida Sommerfelt, of Levee and Miss Lillith Moore, of Levee. The W. C. T. U. booth at the Exposition, was awarded the first place and Miss Louise Young, second. The medals were not awarded owing to the fact that the rules governing the contest provide that there must be five contestants. The superintendent of the contest bureau will be appealed to, and there is no doubt but that the winners of the contest will be awarded the prizes.

Recitations Are Excellent. The young ladies that participated in the contest last night are brilliant oratorical students, and all have won gold medals in the state contests of the W. C. T. U. The contest last night was interesting and recitations were temperance in character. Miss Sommerfelt, the winner, took as her subject, "A Picture From Life." She described with unusual talent the sufferings of a young farmer who had forsaken the rural life for that of a city. He became a victim of drink and ended his life by shooting himself in a grog shop. As she told of the terrible agonies and tortures that were endured by the boy and his mother, there was scarcely a clear eye in the large audience. All of the young ladies delivered excellent recitations and received considerable applause.

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EDITORS SEIZE THE ROSE CITY

Members of the National Editorial Association in Portland.

THEY VISIT THE EXPOSITION

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The editors are in Portland and three days will remain in the Rose City before they depart to their homes to take up the pen, the pencil and the typewriter to scatter broadcast throughout the United States vivid descriptions of the wonders and beauties of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Straight from the broad plains of Oklahoma, where they held their annual convention in the City of Guthrie, the members of the National Editorial Association arrived in Portland yesterday noon in a special train consisting of nine Pullmans. There were 25 people in the party, many of the newspaper men accompanied by their wives and children.

Postmasters in Party. There are a good many postmasters in the party. They are not distinct from the editors, as the appointment of newspaper men as postmasters has been very popular during the Republican administrations. The visitors are from all parts of the United States, and the National Editorial Association is represented by one or more newspaper men. With very few exceptions the members of the Editorial Association control the policy of the paper they represent. The large majority of the visitors own their newspapers.

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Utah Editors Entertained. D. P. Felt, president of the Utah Press Association, arrived in Portland, accompanied by other editors for strength, including Mr. C. W. Pennington, editor of the Desert News of Salt Lake, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest newspaper in the world. The party came unheralded to visit the Exposition and to see the sights generally, and did not look for any special courtesies, and have been agreeably surprised at the royal manner in which they have been treated by everybody. The Board of Trade took the editors on an excursion up the Columbia River, and the Astoria River Railway Company furnished the party with a special car for a trip to Seaside, which was much enjoyed. The Fair commissioners have done their best to make the Exposition as comfortable as possible for the members of the National Editorial Association, who arrived in Portland yesterday. The party is quartered at the American Inn, which is a very comfortable place, full of enthusiasm for Portland and Oregon. The National Editorial Association will visit Salt Lake leaving Thursday, and will be entertained under the auspices of the Utah Press Association.

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