

WOMEN'S CLUBS BY EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES

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James E. W. Cooper (president of the club), W. H. Holman, S. E. Young, A. H. Martin, D. H. Bodine, W. H. Lee, M. Montgomery and H. Davis, assisting in serving were Mesdames C. H. Wiedner, M. D. Wells, J. C. Irvin, O. C. Bryant, H. Walworth, S. N. Braden, Alice Cokerline, C. B. Winn, L. E. Hamilton and C. V. Litterer and the Misses Lucy Gard and Jane Mullenbach.

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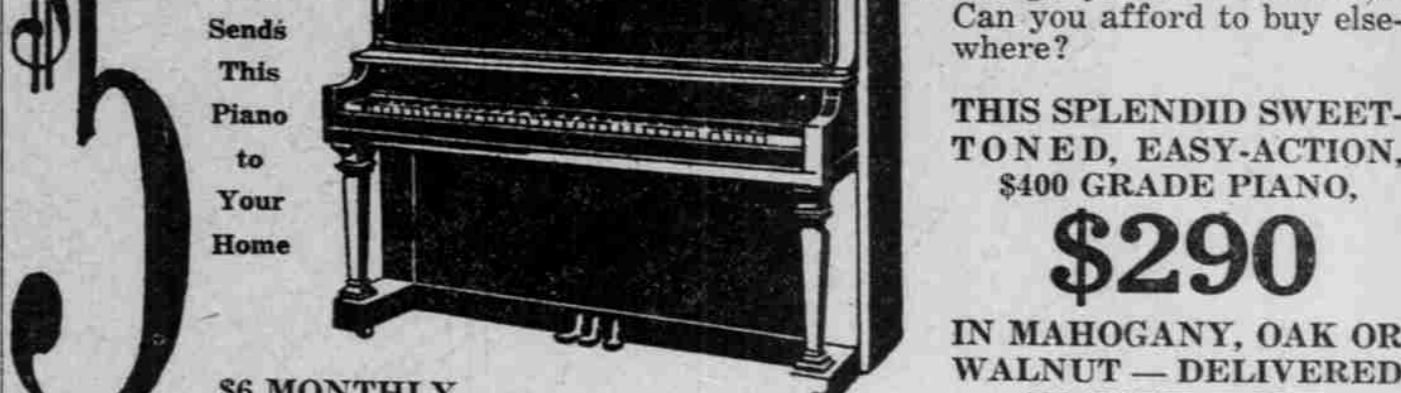
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list who need work by the hour or day—women who have families to whom they must return at night, and women who are the only support of their families and whose husbands are temporarily out of work. These women all would be in need of day work, and it would be a real Christmas or New Year's present to them to give them employment.

The Women's Division of the Federal Employment Bureau is installed in the City Hall (Marshall 4100) and Misses Taylor, Mrs. Charles Dan and Mrs. H. J. Bigger, members, bring thoughts for the New Year. Take Broadway or Irvington car.

The Monday Musical Club will hold a social tea for the members after the Christmas party. The party was planned originally for this week at the Hotel Multnomah. On the last Monday in January, Mrs. E. M. Baker will entertain the club at a reception.

Chapter P. E. O. will entertain on Thursday at the home of Mrs. George E. Willard, East Second street North. The evening will be for the families and friends of the members.

Members of Lincoln-Garfield Corps, No. 19, Woman's Relief Corps, are requested to be at their hall in the Court House, East Second street, January 5, for a special work prior to joint installation with the post.

Professor J. B. Horner, of the extension department of Oregon Agricultural College, will give an illustrated lecture, "Egypt, a Country Without Free Schools," at the assembly room of the Mount Tabor School, East Sixth and East Ash streets, at 8 P. M. Thursday, December 28. The Mount Tabor Parent-Teacher Association has arranged for this as the first of a series of free lectures to be given monthly. Everybody will be welcome. Admission is free.

On December 28 at 8 o'clock in the school assembly hall, corner of East Third and Commercial streets, Mrs. B. Horner will give an illustrated lecture on "Egypt, the Land Without Free Schools or Bibles." Mount Tabor Parent-Teacher Association cordially invites all to attend this lecture.

Y. W. C. A. Has Week of Christmas Festivities.

"Children's" Party and Gymnasium Affair Both Are Staged in Holiday Settings.

Backward, turn backward, Oh, time in your Make me a child again just for tonight. THE spirit of this old song was very literally carried out on last Monday evening at the "children's" party, given by the gymnasium department of the Young Women's Christian Association. All members of the Portland Women's Club were invited to come, "to look as young as they could, and to act as young as they could."

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Mrs. C. B. Simmons, Who Presided At Portland Women's Club

Mrs. E. F. Mullay, Portland Women's Research Club

Mrs. R. R. Robt. Self, Culture Club

Shull, Mrs. John W. Sweeney, Mrs. Joseph Supple, Mrs. D. R. Scammon, Mrs. W. H. Sagner, Mrs. William Treavor, Mrs. John F. Toft, Mrs. Fred W. Vogler, Mrs. Frances Van Tine, Mrs. A. S. Wilcox, Mrs. Edwin Wheat, Mrs. D. M. Watson, Mrs. S. E. Winn, Mrs. E. F. Weaver, Dr. Emma Westrom, Mrs. Marmaduke Wyville, Mrs. James W. Welch.

Eugene Monday Book Club successfully conducted shopping teas during the holiday season. Members who served tea were: Mesdames A. L. Ingalls, Hamilton Weir, A. G. Barker, W. W. Calkins, S. D. Read, R. T. Burnett, E. H. Wheeler, Amy Smith, James Montgomery, E. C. Ayer, J. S. Macgregor, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. L. E. Bean and Mrs. O. S. Penney. The proceeds of this tea will go towards the fund being built for the woman's building to be erected on the university campus.

The November number of Everywoman contained an excellent article on "The Domestic Relations Bureau," as it is managed in San Francisco. Everywoman is the official organ of the National Council of Women. The domestic relations bureau plan is being loyally urged here.

Mrs. George W. McMath, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, has received many letters regarding the work of the Parents' Educational Bureau and of the Parent-Teacher Associations.

Mrs. G. H. Armstrong wrote from Crown Point, Ind., asking for literature. Mrs. Walter Gray wrote from Memphis, Tenn., asking for suggestions. Fendleton sent the list of its new officers in Hawthorne Circle, as follows: President, Mrs. C. H. Williams; vice-president, Mrs. L. B. De Witt; secretary, Miss Luella Spooner.

Woman's Clubs Start Move for Fair Building. State Fair Board Adds Item of \$40,000 to Budget—Legislative Support Is Sought.

THE women of Oregon are asking the men of Oregon to join them in the movement to have a woman's building erected in 1917 on the State Fair grounds for their use and as a memorial to mothers, the pioneer women of Oregon. The State Fair Board has responded with unanimity to the request with Mrs. A. G. Barker at its head. The interest shown in the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, It is impossible to obtain work of art or other valuable exhibits at the State Fair on account of the risks incurred under present conditions, an urgent demand has arisen for a woman's fireproof building on the fair grounds; and Whereas, The interest shown in the State Fair by the women voters of Oregon demands a suitable recognition; therefore, Resolved, That the Federated Women's Clubs of Oregon respectfully petition the Legislature to provide such a building for the use of the women of the state and also as a tribute to the pioneer women of Oregon; and, Whereas, The demand for such a building is urgent and should be in readiness for the next fair, be it further Resolved, That the State Board (consisting of Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer) be and is hereby requested to furnish the estimate cost of such a public building to the State Tax Commission next December (in accordance with section 10, Article 10, Oregon Constitution) at the expense of the state for the ensuing year; be it further Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed by the chair to take charge of the subject matter of these resolutions; and, In view of such action it is incumbent upon every local woman in the state, especially every clubwoman, to do her part of the work. This can be accomplished only by constant agitation and urgent effort, particularly with those in authority, including every legislator. This is not a partisan movement and action in its favor should be unanimous," said Alice Weister, chairman of the art committee, and added: "It is suggested legislative and other appropriate committees be appointed to spread the news of this enterprise, and place themselves in communication with the chairman of the committee in charge of this legislation."

Government Aids Women in Finding Employment.

Auxiliary Helps Bureau and Positions Are Investigated for Protection of Applicants Free.

THE Federal Employment Department recently opened a woman's division in its employment bureau here. It provides another free employment agency, such as the excellent one in the Y. W. C. A., where women needing work are given a list of openings and get work free of charge. This is the most splendid feature of the federal bureau in that no girls or women are sent to fill positions that have not been well investigated. This insures them against going inconviniently to large or small enterprises only to find that there is a strike on or that working conditions are impossible or that the position has been misrepresented.

"French Day" Is Observed by Woman's Club.

Christmas Tree Is Part of Interesting Programme Held by Women.

ONE of the best meetings of the season was held by the Women's Club, Friday, December 22. The hall was gay with poinsettias, holly and Oregon grape, which adorned the walls and chandeliers. A large Christmas tree in a corner brought to mind the approaching holidays. At 1 o'clock the parliamentary department, one of the most interesting departments of this club, met with Mrs. Grace Ross as leader. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Joseph A. Pettit, Mrs. C. B. Simmons, first vice-president, presided during the business session. This being "French day," Mrs. Jane Burns will actively promote the following songs: "Le Soir" (Thomas), "Chanson Triete" (Duparc), "Le Colibri" (Chausson), aria from "Louise" (Charpentier). She was accompanied by Mrs. Warren E. Thomas. Rev. Father Langlard, of Seaside, delivered an able address on France, its resources and industries. The social committee had charge of the social hour which followed. Mrs. Charles M. Scott and Mrs. R. P. Graham served from a beautifully appointed table, which was centered with a tiny Christmas tree, decked in candles and ornaments, poinsettias and holly filling every available space. Albany's "Modern Travelers" have been successful in their teas for the benefit of the library. The committee in charge of the teas includes: Mrs. P. H. Geselbracht, Mrs. J. K. Weatherford, Mrs. J. D. Summers, Mrs. Henry P. Merrill and Mrs. J. H. Ralston. Those who joined Saturday were the best-

SANTA, HASTY TO PROMISE, MAY NOT VISIT ALL WITHOUT HELP

Children of Poor May Awake on Day of Plenty With Empty Stockings, so All of Chris' Assistants Are to Be Put on Watch.

BY EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES. WHEN the joy bells ring out tomorrow and the day of days for the children arrives, I am afraid it will be found that Santa Claus has forgotten some of the little people who have awaited Christmas so eagerly. He made a lot of promises, that dear old man did, but he's getting so old he may be a little forgetful. I am afraid it will be found that Santa Claus has forgotten some of the little people who have awaited Christmas so eagerly. He made a lot of promises, that dear old man did, but he's getting so old he may be a little forgetful. I am afraid it will be found that Santa Claus has forgotten some of the little people who have awaited Christmas so eagerly.

When he had found time to make his rounds, he would get busy again, for the children were crowding up. Two little sisters, daughters of a North Oregon farmer, were there with their big dad. Both wanted dolls and doll buggies. "Next," announced Santa, and up came Virginia with golden curls, leading her brother Buddy, aged 2. Buddy was scared at first, but managed to pipe out, "I want a Tige," pointing to a little striped yellow tiger. "How do you know what he is?" asked the host. "Me saw him picture in the paper every day," replied Buddy. Virginia asked for a doll. I believe every girl except Agnes wanted a doll. Probably she did, too, but thought of the sterner necessities first. "Me wanna duck; go 'quack'; horse and drum, too," declared a tiny boy who had a bright red cottage made of imitation bricks. Each child declared he was good and then proceeded to state his wishes for Christmas. "Of course you are good," said Santa. "I haven't found a bad child in Portland yet." Nearly all the boys want mechanical toys, sretor sets with which to build bridges and buildings, trains, engines, electrical toys, building materials. "Never saw so many practical boys in all my born days," commented old Santa. "The Portland fellows all want to be constructive. Good thing, too.

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link you might please bring me something," suggested the next day, "who wanted a book about animals" and "watch what would tick" and an engaging Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Charles Dan and Mrs. H. J. Bigger. Members, bring thoughts for the New Year. Take Broadway or Irvington car.

The Public Welfare Bureau and the Portland Parent-Teachers' Association have tried to help old Santa Claus, so let's trust no one will be overlooked. They may be, however, if someone who has much of this world's store doesn't share just a little with some poorer brother. Here's a chance for all who wish to be helpers of Santa Claus. Children are urged to be sure they would have their gifts wisely written letters to Santa Claus and dropped them in the mail. Here is a sample which found its way to The Oregonian office: Dear Santa: I am a good little girl. I want a bugle, a doll and candy and nuts.—Gladys Haskins, Young's, Or. 56 Avenue and Ninety-ninth street.

Central W. C. T. U. will celebrate its anniversary on Wednesday, when the early crusade in the cause of temperance will be paid due tribute. Several prominent women will speak.

At the last social meeting of the Coterie Club for 1916, Mrs. Albert gave a talk on "The Effect of the European War Upon World Literature." Fritz DeGrane sang and played a clever and comprehensive number and her talk was much enjoyed.

Chapter C. P. E. O. Sisterhood, held a party and Christmas tree Friday in the Hotel Cordova. The husbands of the members were the honor guests. Fritz DeGrane sang and played a clever and comprehensive number and her talk was much enjoyed.

PUPILS MUST RAISE CROPS

Year's Work on Half Acre of Ground Is Agricultural Course.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Superintendent W. M. Kern, of the city schools, wants pupils in the agricultural department to have something more than book knowledge of their course. Each student in that course to graduate, must have put in a year's work on a half acre of ground, either at home or near the school. Pupils whose home grounds are too small will be provided working place by the school authorities. Letters explaining the plan to the parents have been sent. Students must plan and do their own work, and harvest them in the Fall. The school will furnish the necessary account books so that an accurate record may be kept.

RURAL TEACHERS TO MEET

Normal School Anxious to Hear Experiences to Shape Courses.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Because of the large groups of students in some of the counties of Oregon who are teaching schools, associations are being formed among normal teachers to keep interest alive in the new methods of instruction and for social purposes. One of the purposes is to start a campaign for a rousing rally to be held next June. The rural school department considers that the suggestions which the former students can offer regarding new proposed plans in the rural schools particularly will be of much benefit in helping to shape future courses at the normal school.

Each County Set to Hold Exams.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Examination of applicants for special teachers' certificates will be held at each county seat from June 27 to June 30, inclusive, according to a statement issued by Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction Welles. Applicants for any one of the following nine kinds of special certificates will be examined in five subjects: Bookkeeping, domestic art, domestic science, drawing, manual training, music, penmanship, physical culture, stenography and typewriting. The superintendent's office is issuing a circular showing the subjects to be taken and the sources which may be obtained by application at that office.