

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COLUMN

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A CHAPTER OF HISTORY.

The American League of Civic Improvement is an organization founded in response to a positive popular demand. The publication of articles in leading magazines brought to their on the town and village improvement editors a flood of inquiries concerning the ways and means of public beauty effort.

The response to the propaganda of this longer organization encouraged another significant advance—the expansion of the original body into the American League of Civic Improvement at the first regular convention in Buffalo, August, 1901. With the new name were accepted enlarged possibilities and a much broader policy.

During the last year the League has been actively engaged in the work of education and organization, with the encouragement which comes from an overwhelming correspondence and apparently unlimited possibilities. A broad, unoccupied field has been opened for the League, and the original proposition to serve as a clearing house and to act as a federating agency was fully justified by the results of the first season of effort.

Within sixteen months after the organization of the League the increasing applications for suggestions and literature make necessary a second enlargement of the plan of work. The counsel and expert service of leaders in thought and action were sought through the formation of "sections," each under the direction of a representative advisory council which constitutes, for most practical purposes, a federation of the more prominent organizations and leading interests in the respective fields.

CONVENTION OF 1902.

The convention of the American

League of Civic Improvement for 1902 will be held in St. Paul, September 17, 18 and 19, upon invitation of the Women's Civic League of that city. Both in St. Paul and at national headquarters extensive preparations for the event are being made. The gathering promises to be notable for the representative character of the delegations and the timeliness of the topics to be considered.

In the main session of the convention the primary social, economic and educational questions in the city and country life will be considered by recognized experts. To an unusual extent the addresses will be illustrated by stereopticon slides, with exhibits of photographs and plans, and displays of printed matter and publications. Programs for the sectional conferences will be arranged by the advisory councils.

The preliminary program gives assurance of rare opportunities for learning the latest thought, studying the newest projects, and meeting present day leaders in the diverse fields indicated by the League sections.

PURPOSE AND PLAN.

The American League of Civic Improvement seeks to bring into mutually helpful relations the great national movement and the individual worker, the publisher and the manufacturer, thus inspiring practical co-operation between all the factors in making "America the most beautiful country in the world," with its citizens the best educated and the best governed—a country where life is truly wholesome and livable.

Understanding that the women's club, as a rule, constitutes the most promising local "civic center" about which may be grouped many agencies for the public good, the American League of Civic Improvement seeks to supplement the efficient effort of club and federation committees. The League offers lectures, speakers, lantern slide sets, program outlines and study material; printed matter for educational purposes and campaigns of agitation; plans for organization and special effort; and otherwise relieving clubs and other bodies of much troublesome detail and wasteful pioneer work.

PARDONS FOR CONVICTS

SIXTY-FIVE NEW PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARIES.

Lewis Nixon, late of Tammany Hall, Promotes Shipbuilding Combine.

NEW YORK, June 10.—There are perhaps a dozen persons who will be benefited by the amnesty act just signed by President Palma, including two or three Cubans who are naturalized Americans, says a Havana dispatch to the Tribune. Estes G. Rathbone and C. F. W. Neely, who were convicted of appropriating postoffice funds amounting to many thousands of dollars are best known of those who will secure pardon. Neely has been in prison two years of his sentence of eight years. Rathbone is out on \$10,000 bail, awaiting a decision of the supreme court of appeal. His sentence was for eight years. News that he was to be a free man in a day or two did not arouse Neely from indifferent demeanor he has maintained since his arrest. He smiled, but

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showed no particular interest in the information.

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SIXTY-FIVE NEW MISSIONARIES.

NEW YORK, June 10.—The fifth annual conference of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, with its newly appointed missionaries will open in this city tomorrow and will continue until Wednesday of next week. Addresses on different phases of missionary work will be heard. The board is sending out this year 65 new missionaries. Seven go to Africa, fourteen to China, nine to India, five to Japan, six to Corea, nine to Persia, four to the Philippines, two to Siam and a number are as yet unassigned.

SHIPBUILDING COMBINATION.

NEW YORK, June 10.—All but the mere formalities in the plan to combine several of the big shipbuilding yards of the country under one management have been completed, according to the Herald. A few papers remain yet to be signed, and for this purpose a meeting of those most interested will be held today, after which a formal announcement will be made and the securities of the new corporation will be placed on the market. In spite of the extreme reticence of the men who are promoting the formation of the combination, it was learned that the plans contemplate a plant which will turn out any kind of a vessel, from a tramp ship of small dimensions to a battleship weighted down with the heaviest of armor. Iron and steel works are being negotiated for and it is understood several extensive plants have been purchased. Lewis Nixon, the shipbuilder, who resigned recently the leadership of Tammany Hall, and who has been most active in bringing about the combination, refused, however, to discuss his plans.

DANCING INSTRUCTORS MEET.

NEW YORK, June 10.—The normal school of Masters of Dancing of the United States and Canada has opened its ninth annual convention in this city. There were 1600 teachers present, one-third of whom are women. The convention will continue for 10 days. One of the principal subjects will be the proposed adoption of a uniform style of dancing throughout this country and Canada.

THE ROYAL PROCESSION

FORMATION OF A GREAT PAGEANT.

The Ceremonies Have Been Rehearsed and All Positions Assigned.

LONDON, June 10.—The formation of the coronation procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey is to be as follows:

Trumpeters. Escort of the household cavalry. Eight carriages containing members of the royal family and relatives from abroad.

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Their Majesties, with the gold and silver attendants, in the state carriage.

The officers of the state, preceded and followed by the sovereign's escort. The household cavalry.

Returning from the Abbey to the Palace, the King will wear the crown and robes.

A rehearsal of the coronation ceremonies has been held in Westminster Abbey with dummy recitation by the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal and Chief Butler of England, and the great court officials.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Result of Work—Child Marriage a Great Hindrance.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Miss S. D. Doremus, secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who has just returned from a visit of eight months to the mission stations of the Society in India, China and Japan, said in speaking of her trip:

"It is rather the fashion in some quarters to sneer at missionaries, but the respect and affection that they have won, especially in India, are proof that their work is from the heart and reaches the heart. The estimation in which they are held was strikingly manifested in the perfectly astonishing amount of courtesy shown to me as the secretary of the society that sends them. Officials of high standing lavished polite attentions upon me, sending me fruits and flowers, and everywhere I received the warmest welcome.

"The hospitals are the most important part of our mission work as it is through them that we establish friendly relations with the natives. The Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt memorial hospital in Jhansi is a beautiful place. The sites of our mission bungalow and memorial hospital have been wisely chosen outside the gates of the walled city, which with its narrow streets and densely crowded thoroughfare represents many types of life in India.

"The progress of women in India is an assured fact, for already indications are seen. Several have taken degrees in the university lately. One of them was the mother of five children. The question of child marriage must be settled, however, before reform is fully established. The missionaries have succeeded in raising the marriage age to 12 years, but it must be made 16 before conditions can improve greatly."

CENTENARIAN DIES.

SALINA, Kan., June 10.—Matt Tobin, a pioneer of this state, is dead in this city aged 105 years. His first

wife died in 1830 and his second wife, who survives him, is 95 years old.

THEATER.

Another large audience greeted Low's Madison Square Theater Co. last night, when they presented the comic comedy drama "Kathleen Mavourneen," and the company repeated their artistic success of the previous evening. Miss Mildred Eddy proved her versatility by an admirable portrayal of the title role, which is highly emotional at times. Mr. George Florer gave a good account of himself, as Terrence O'More and as Billy Buttoncap he was irresistible. His singing and dancing is certainly clever. The supporting roles were in capable hands. Specialties are given between the acts, which makes it a continuous performance. Tonight the company produces a new play to Astoria, entitled "A Soldier's Sweetheart." This is a comedy, not a military play. Prices—10c, 20c, 30c.

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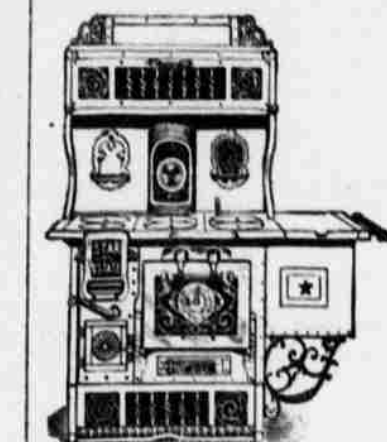
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