WOMEN'S CLUBS--WOMEN'S WORK

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Some Suggestive Plans For Woman's Civic League.

In the most slothful housekeeper the coming of spring will stir the blood to action, and the winter's accumulation of dirt and rubbish will begin to look ugly and disfiguring, particularly if a guest is expected who will come with a critical eye and a license to carry away, and scatter abroad, the impressions received. Sometimes, too, this spring housecleaning is the result of selfishness and the first law of nature—self-protection—for with the incense of roses and sweet-brier are often wafted odors full of the suggestion of fever and disease stored away in the debris of winter's accumulations.

Portland today finds herself in very much the same position as the individual housekeeper, and a very slothful one at that, but the danger signal has been thrown out and the cry has gone up: "Let us clean our city."

It was the bravest step the chamber of commerce, or any other body in the city, ever took when it issued its ultimatum. "Portland must be made the City Beautiful," and it was the wisest one when it asked the co-operation of the women. It was brave because the cleaning of the city is a herculean task; not a nook or corner but has something to be cleared away, and this filth has belonged to the owner so long that he begins to look upon it as one of his assets, and everyone knows what a delicate thing it is to meddle with his neighbor's personal property.

It was wise to invite the women to help in the work, for they can do it more efficiently, more effectively and with greater tact, provided—"ah, there's the rub"—they go at it in the right way. All are interested in this civic work, or who have given the matter any thought, no doubt feels that they know "just the right way," and while they may have it very nicely, and finely worked out on paper, it frequently doesn't work out in practice, and the safest plan to go by, is one that has been learned by the experience of others. While every town or city must, to a certain extent, be a law unto itself and be largely governed by local conditions, there are a few fundamental principles that have to be observed under all circumstances. The first of these is, that it must be a thoroughly democratic move. If the people who keep dirty yards and unsightly places are not interested and a part of the "push" to clean them up, "the watchman walketh but in vain."

Competent organization is a component part to successful accomplishment in civic betterment, but it can be strangled no quicker than with intricate machinery and by relegating everything to "a committee."

When, as in Portland today, it becomes a case involving the health, happiness, education and prosperity of not only ourselves, but of our families, our friends and our community, the time has come for the city to resolve itself into a committee of the whole and go to work. When this is done—and it is fully established that it is to be—a movement "of the people, by the people and for the people," more than half is accomplished. A city in New Jersey seems to have solved the problem of how to make this united effort more satisfactorily than any reported to the National Civic Improvement league. The town was divided off very much after the plan of a checkerboard, each square small enough to make everybody in it feel "at home," and each constituted a little independent club of its own. Afternoon meetings were held—sometimes in an elegant residence, or again in the little shanty which happened to be in the neighborhood, which was always sure to be "tidied up for the occasion, and was very often the start for a cleaner home and surroundings for this family. In some blocks the meetings were always held at one place, and the poor and rich mingled, because they were "neighbors," and it was very often found that many of the best suggestions came from the poorest surroundings. A man's league existed in the same town, but no clash occurred, for the women confined themselves almost wholly to the residence districts, and the men looked after the business portion, took care of legal matters and financed the work. No fees were charged in any of the women's blocks. It was also found that in the poorest and most squalid districts this system worked most successfully, for it brought a new interest into the lives of the women at no expense or hardship, and as it was run on a strictly "home rule" basis, they could give their originality free scope without interference from a superior officer.

Once a month the chairmen of these blocks met to report work accomplished and exchange ideas for the future. If it was found the arm of the law had to be invoked, or a new ordinance created, it was there formulated and turned over to the men's league.

It is reported that early in the work an amicable rivalry sprung up, and every chairman was in a measure judged by the work she reported each month. These meetings were open to the public, but only the chairmen acted as a voting body, and elected the general officers, whose duties were limited to this body, except in a suggestive way.

The children of the city were also districted off in the same manner and became the most efficient auxiliaries to each club or district. In this way the inconvenience and loss of strength in handling large bodies of children or adults was obviated and the very best results obtained, for every one was a worker or her neighbors knew her to be a shirker, which she didn't remain long, for there is nothing more contagious than civic improvement.

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Oregon School Children Prepare Unique Exhibits.

Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weatherred, who is giving illustrated lectures in the state on the St. Louis exposition for the benefit of the Oregon educational exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair, writes from eastern Oregon:

"I have had grand success with my lecture—talk to schools during the day, instructing pupils and teachers, and in the evening lecture to crowded houses. Everywhere I am received cordially by teachers, for they are glad to be instructed as to plans and scope of exhibits. Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla counties are arranging to give away to eastern visitors at the fair hundreds of little bags of grain, each one bearing the name of a scholar and name of the county. Morrow county pupils will give away a unique little card having a picture of a sheep on a black background, the sheep covered with wool pasted on. Thus "Mary's little lamb" will tell the easterners of Morrow county's enormous wool output.

"School children in the sagebrush counties are mounting on a card a piece of sagebrush and beside it a little sheaf of wheat, hops, alfalfa or painted fruits, which will tell the story of what is being done with the country that travelers through eastern Oregon think beyond redemption.

"Teachers will be in charge of these exhibits to explain the resources and great educational advantages of the different counties. Besides the regular exhibit work, the pupils are writing a history of their county and their commercial output and possibilities. At the close of the fair many of these papers will be sent to eastern schools, thereby doing several good turns toward interesting people in Oregon.

"Many people will be induced to come to Oregon through the simplicity and honesty of a child's letter—when some booklet or advertising matter of a real estate company would never appeal to them.

"The results so far from my work is cetrainly gratifying. In some districts they seemed to be dead, and wrote me that they could get no interest, but this did not discourage me; I simply went anyway, and after getting pupils and teachers together for a talk I left them all aroused to the need and importance of general enthusiasm."

Isabelle Beecher Hooker, Sister of Henry Ward Beecher.

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Interesting Notes From Various Sources.

The midyear state executive meeting is called for March 30 at the Y. M. C. A., Fourth and Yamhill streets. At 9:30 o'clock the official board, composed of general officers and county presidents, will come together, and at 11 o'clock the full executive board will meet, this includes state superintendents, evangelists and organizers.

Mrs. Emma Fulton of Sarah Kern union read a paper recently before the Presbyterian missionary meeting, which was most interesting. It was a true tale and most pathetic and was the work of Mrs. Dorcas Spencer of Alameda, Cal.

Mrs. Spencer is national superintendent of work among Indians in the W. C. T. U. It was through her influence that Dr. Dorchester was sent from Washington to investigate the Hupa post. His report only confirmed all Mrs. Spencer had said, and the post was abolished and the barracks turned into an industrial school, and very much of the evil existing there was abated.

The state president is planning three conferences with the national president, Lillian M. N. Stevens, and the first vice-president, Anna Gordon. They will be held as follows: Medford, May 17-18; Portland, May 21-22; La Grande, May 26.

Mrs. Lucy Whittaker, a veteran in W. C. T. U. ranks, has just returned from an extended visit to Washington. Since her return her aged father has been called to the better land. She has the sympathy of the workers all over the state.

Mrs. Shipley, the pioneer who recently passed to life land from the home of her son in Oswego, was one of the earliest workers of the W. C. T. U., and for years was at the head of the department of fairs and open air meetings. She was full of enthusiasm and at annual gatherings always inspired the delegates. Mrs. Shipley was greatly beloved and her strong lovely character helped others to be strong.

The latest accession to the W. C. T. U. ranks from other states is Mrs. Emily Merritt, who has located in Union for a time. Rich in experience from the fields of Ohio and Minnesota, she will doubtless give the work in our eastern section a great impetus. We welcome all these new friends.

Central Portland union reports through its secretary, Mrs. Bowers, that interesting meetings are held every Tuesday at 2:30 oclock in the parlors of the president, Mrs. N. J. Janney, Fourth and Clay streets.

The superintendent of Purity in Art has been doing some effective work in that line.

Mrs. Anne Newall, state evangelist, will begin work for Sarah Kern union this week.

Union W. C. T. U., in our far eastern section, held a very successful social recently. The program was taken from the W. C. T. U. "History of Oregon," recently published by State President Mrs. Hattie Wolfe. The corresponding secretary understands the art of keeping things going.

March 20 there will be an all day institute in the Evangelical church, East Sixth and Market streets, under the auspices of the county; it opens at 9:30 a. m. The program of the day meeting will be filled with topics of live interest. In the evening a silver medal contest will be held.

The plans of the Portland Travelers' Aid association are being perfected and the people in St. Louis and the east are going to help. Look in next week's Journal for an account of the plans.

It is conceded by all educated and thinking people that domestic science is more needed at the present time for the life of the nation than any other science. It is required because schools are paying so much attention to the intellectual development of the brain that it is utterly one sided, and training in the use of the hands is necessary for the perfect growth of mental power. In addition to this the woeful lack of efficiency in all kinds of manual labor is especially marked in connection with cooking and household tasks. What is to become of the homes if the young girl, who is to be its future mistress, and the young girl who is to serve in it, are both ignorant of the science of cooking and household management?

The new teacher in Portland is turning out all she promised to be. Her classes are filling up very well and every pupil is enthusiastic. Next year arrangements will be made for classes for young ladies from out of town and also for correspondence classes.

MRS. W. J. HONEYMAN.

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Report From La Grande Neighborhood Club

Our club has taken on renewed energy this year and everything looks fair for a very successful year for 1905-6. The program for next year is now discussed, and it has been decided to have a certain line of study with one central thought, with the exception of the few promised and customary days. This is the opposite of our program for the past year, a variety of subjects having been considered; each one seems to be of particular interest to our club at this time. Among the subjects studied were civics, household economics and noted people. On February 21 we had a "Lewis and Clark day." This was an open meeting and was very ably conducted by Mrs. Bidwell of Island City. A general paper on the fair and its possibilities was read by Mrs. Bidwell, followed by papers and talks on grounds and buildings, architecture, statuary, foreign exhibits and fine arts. Mrs. Lyle rendered the motifs of the musical setting of "The Story of Sacajawea" by Rollin Bond.

March 7 was the occasion of our annual social day. The committee in charge, taking advantage of the absence of Mrs. A. C. Huntington in California, secured the key to her beautiful home on Fourth street, and, with the aid of white carnations, golden jonquils and festoons in white and gold, the club colors, transformed this already pretty home into a perfect fairyland.

The guests were received by Mesdames Slater, G. Curry, J. T. Richardson, Brenholts, Cleaver, Osborne and E. Kiddle. After a short musical and literary program all thought was turned to lighter and more humorous entertainment, furnished by a musical romance, in which Mrs. A. T. Hill won first laurels and Mrs. Turner Oliver was presented with a horn and requested to render "Robin Adair." In the contest Mrs. Nellie Neill was successful in winning the basket containing a real live Maltese kitten, and Mrs. Cary Adams' picture of the four kittens.

Punch was served in the back parlor during the afternoon, and in the dining-room Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Cleaver presided over the tea table, where refreshments were served buffet style. About 60 ladies were present.

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The Roseburg Club Gives a Russian Evening.

The '95 Mental Culture club of Roseburg entertained most delightfully about 50 of their friends at a "Russian Evening," which concluded the study of that very interesting, and much talked of country, for the past five months. The guests were the teachers of the high and public schools, the husbands of the club members, and a number of other invited friends.

The program consisted of a paper, "Art Treasures of the Kremlin," by Mrs. W. A. Smick; a biographical sketch, "Vassili Verestchagin," by Mrs. R. W. Renn; vocal solos by Mrs. A. T. Steiner and Prof. A. M. Sanders, and an instrumental solo by F. A. Boyce, all of which were greatly enjoyed. Games and a merry time followed the program. The reception hall was beautifully decorated in the Russian colors—yellow and black—with a profusion of jonquils and yellow spring flowers. The club colors—pink and green—were used in the dining room. The menu cards carried out the design of the club flower; they were rose-shaped and hand-painted in pink, and were tied with green ribbon. The refreshments were served by six of Roseburg's handsomest and most charming young ladies.

"Japan" will be made the study for the next three months. A review lesson, conducted by the president of the club, Mrs. F. W. Benson, will be the first number on the next program, followed by a paper, "The Ainu, or Savages of Japan," by Mrs. C. L. Hadley; a parliamentary drill, current events, by Mrs. I. Wellesberg, and a musical number by Mrs. G. W. Short complete a very fine program.

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Eloquent Indian Girl Coming to the Convention.

William Dudley Foulke, of Richmond, Ind., in writing to Miss Anthony lately, says:

"I was not long ago asked to become a judge in a college oratorical contest. There was the usual sophomore efforts, but one young woman, a freshman, delivered an address, entitled 'Side by Side,' which I thought was one of the ablest arguments for woman's suffrage that I had ever heard. She is a Sioux Indian, but speaks the English language perfectly, and has a most wonderful command of it, and an excellent delivery. We gave her first place. She spoke at the state oratorical contest a few days ago at Indianapolis, but changed her address and made it a plea for Indians instead of one for women. She took the first place for delivery and second for thought and composition. Her name is Gertrude Simmons. She still has three more years of college before her."

After an investigation of this young woman's ability and attractiveness, Miss Kate Gordon, corresponding secretary of the National Suffrage association, writes that it is quite probable that she will be put on the program for the June convention. If she comes she, of course, will be present to witness the unveiling of the first memorial ever erected to an Indian woman.

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The Woman's Club Passes Necessary Resolutions.

At the last meeting of the Woman's club the following resolutions were recommended by the department of social economics, and unanimously adopted by the club:

"Whereas, The practice of burning refuse in the streets of our city has become a nuisance to the residents and threatens to interfere with the comfort of our guests during the coming summer; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Woman's club petition the city council to amend section 156 of the city ordinances so as to forbid the issuing of permits for that purpose."

It was further recommended that a copy of this resolution be addressed to the civic improvement committee of the chamber of commerce, asking the co-operation of that body. The same department also recommended that a committee be appointed to visit the proper department of the Portland Consolidated Railway company to request that company to consider the following petition:

"The Woman's club petitions the Portland Consolidated Railway company to formulate such instructions as it may deem advisable, giving their employes the right to prevent the overcrowding of the car platforms, both in the front and at the rear."

The committe is charged to especially emphasize the inconvenience and danger to which women and children are subjected on account of this practice. The committee is also instructed to suggest that electric annunciators placed in those cars needing them would add greatly to the convenience of passengers.

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The Requirements Of a Club Paper.

Sensationalism finds no place in club work, which has been demonstrated in the brief but giddy career of the Clubwoman's Magazine, and women's attitude toward columns, pages or entire club magazines is very clearly put in a recent editorial in the New York Post, which says in part:

"The problem of club organs is not an easy one, since the public is not yet accustomed to them. In the first place, the best, most thoughtful and most conservative women will indorse only a dignified periodical which deals with club matters and activities along the lines of club work. The true club organ, in the opinion of the best clubwomen of the United States, is not a fashion paper, a funny sheet, a dramatic critic, nor a story book. These fields are covered and these missions performed by other, older and more firmly established magazines. The club magazine which fulfills its mission attends to its own business and is not a rival of any other publication, dealing simply with club activities. It touches only such problems as have need of the club work, and can be helped by the co-operation of women in the work which men are already doing."

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Topics of Interest Discussed by Silverton Women.

The Social Science club of Silverton has established the practice of a monthly social meeting and the last one, a few evenigs ago, was pronounced the most successful in its history.

A large number of invited guests were present. Several fine piano selections were given and a vocal solo by Mrs. J. W. Welch was very much enjoyed. A paper excellently written and delivered was given by Mrs. N. P. Thompson on the progress woman has made in club work since the time our foremothers wielded a hickory club. The address of the evening was made by M. T. Senn of the law firm of Rauch & Senn.

Mr. Senn is an exceptionally bright young man and made one of the most able speeches ever given in Silverton. He spoke mainly on the industrial factor as compared with the social factor in economics.

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Unique Egyptian Mural Paintings Adorn the Walls, Making Novel Effect.

The Royal Bakery, in a few days, will open its new branch at 268 Morrison street, and it will no doubt gain popularity as one of the unique places in the city. The building has been thoroughly renovated and remodeled by Lewis & Lewis, who designed novel mural painting, which have been executed by Edward W. Clark. These mural paintings in themselves are most unique and certainly nothing like them has been attempted in Portland before.

The new store is to be known as the Royal Egyptian Coffee Rooms. To carry out the name and emphasize the fact that the Egyptians were the first makers of bread, the mural paintings have been designed. These paintings tell the history of making bread in ancient Egypt. The first panel shows the grain growing and a reaper. The next the threshing of the grain, and subsequent panels tell of the grinding of the wheat into flour, the mixing of the bread, the baking of it and then carrying it to Pharoah.

All the paintings are done in a modified Egyptian style, they being the same as those found on ancient Egyptian temples, with only this difference, that to secure certain effects the artist has made some full-face figures, whereas all Egyptian paintings were of the profile. The Egyptian effect is carried out in the ceiling, there being small lotus buds scattered about, and each of these contain an electric lamp, while in the center is a large lotus bud containing a cluster of lamps. On each panel is a scarab and a loaf of bread, with one slice cut therefrom, which was the symbol of the Royal Egyptian bakery in time of the Pharoahs.

Ahead of the Times.

The fine weather has ushered in the buggy business with a rush. Moline-Bain Co. report an enormous increase in business, the sales on nobby driving wagons being more than three times those of last year; top buggies, harness and even carriages are in demand. Added to the rush of this city business is the demand from the farmers, they being able to get their crops planted so much earlier than usual, have been large buyers of farm wagons and implements of all kinds. The additional trade expected during the Lewis and Clark fair led the Moline-Bain Co. to add many new stylish rigs to their extensive line of buggies, runabouts, stanhopes, carriages, spring wagons, surries and all kinds of open driving buggies, and they now have a fine selection of vehicles for all.

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THE PROGRESS OF EVENTS

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Tailored Suits

Several hundred new Suits have been added to the line this past week in solid colors and checks. The Redingote, Blouse, Suspender Suit and variations are all shown with such high degree of individual style that they are beyond criticism. We start them as low as $10.50, but at $25.00 and up our superiority is unquestioned.

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The extreme limit of the artist's skill has been exerted in creating the Silk Suits this season. The harmonious blending of color, the graceful drapery of the skirts, the artful building of the jacket make the Silk Coat Suit the ideal of spring garments and account for its instantaneous popularity. Even at $10.00 it is a combination of grace and style, and at $15.00, $20.00, $25.00 and up the conceptions are beyond description.

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Parts of one floor are devoted to our extensive line of waists. So comprehensive is our line that beginning at $1.25 for a pretty India Linon Waist we show a complete assortment in the different range of prices up to $10.00. We are making a special this week in Chiffon Taffeta, Crepe, Net and Jap Silk Waists at $5.00. It is the greatest value giving in waists we have ever attempted, but our determination to make this section a factor is the cause.

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