

# WOMEN'S CLUBS

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# WOMEN'S WORK

## Timely Suggestions For Our Forestry Work.

To clear away the forests was the work of the early pioneers; to save them is plainly the duty of those following. This is the history of all states, from ocean to ocean, and in the latter work women are now taking a conspicuous part. In this branch of club work Pennsylvania women have taken the lead, led by Miss Mira L. Dock, state commissioner of forestry, who prepared herself for this work by a long course of study at home and abroad, and by months spent in the black forest of Germany, where she studied from nature itself. Thus qualified, Miss Dock's advice and opinion are valuable to women interested in this work, and the following extracts from her report at the last state convention will no doubt be of assistance to women who are taking an interest in forestry in Oregon. She says:

"The day has passed for generalizing on the benefits that a state might derive from forest reservations; today we can see what they actually mean to the people of this great commonwealth in the protection of woods and waters, and of affording places of rest and recreation. There are four facts about these reservations—first, to acquire them; second, to protect them; third, to improve; fourth, to use. First of all, the great enemy—fire—must be kept away from these lands with their millions of trees of all sizes growing in value and beauty every year, with here and there remnants of old primeval forest to show what time will do. But fire in one day will undo nature's work of generations. To safeguard these lands wardens are needed."

This will at once appeal to the Oregon state forestry committee, whose first effort should be directed to assist those who are trying to increase the extent and efficiency of our forest-warden service. Miss Dock's next suggestion is:

"Other tracts need to be planted, or have thinning made, or other practical forest work done; this means trained hands and brains. All camping parties are obliged to secure permits from the forestry department at Harrisburg, and thus being registered as at a given location, are responsible for any damage by fire or from other carelessness."

Four thousand campers thus registered last summer in Pennsylvania and not one fire or serious accident was reported. If it is a practical system there it certainly could be made so in Oregon. Regarding ornamental trees, Miss Dock says:

"There are special problems of today that belong to us, such as the protection of shade trees against insect infestation; against insect depredations; and, most of all, against trolley and telephone companies, because of their high-handed methods in destroying private property."

In this connection the State Federation of Pennsylvania rejoiced at Justice Brewer's decision for the treeowner against the telephone company, giving his opinion "that the sentimental value of a tree is an actuality; that a tree cherished beside a homestead adds to the cash value of that homestead, and if destroyed must be valued at a much higher rate than the timber value."

As it is from decisions in other states precedents are established, it might be well to procure a copy of this decision for future reference. In concluding her report, Miss Dock says:

"We must be practical in our methods, but true to our ideal; the restoration of use and beauty to wood and field, for as a German forester has said: 'We may not always need the products of the forests for our bodies, but we shall always need the living forest for our souls.'"

## Girls Must Study Before They Can Dance.

Word is sent out that co-ed. dances are prohibited at the University of Illinois, and that "no young lady shall dance more than four times per semester unless she shall have passed all her examinations with a grade of 75."

While this rule may be difficult to enforce, it is in the right direction. Social duty is the enemy of co-education. The social element, like athletics, occupies far too great a place in university and college, both from the educational and from the financial standpoint. The wonder often arises how boys and girls of moderate means can have the course and moral strength to go to some of our colleges or even state institutions, where the utmost democracy should be exercised, for it is often little short of a dress parade, so far as the girls are concerned.

Imagine the "college-bred" girl of today starting off to go to a "state school" her mother's day to the "female college"—with two or three simple wash gowns, a "delane" for Sunday, an



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## Suffrage Workers Having a Busy Time.

The last meeting of the Equal Suffrage association, which was held in Mrs. Mallory's parlors a few days ago, was one of unusual interest. As the time draws nearer for the national convention, the committee work increases, as does the interest.

## The One Solution Of the Domestic Problem.

If any class of women are capable of grasping the fact that domestic service can only be elevated by first elevating the employer's conscience and the employer's intelligence, that class is to be found among clubwomen. They have learned the value of reciprocal relations better than any other class, except, perhaps, college women. The sense of justice which club life develops is one of

most valuable functions. To apply principles is harder than to acquire them, of course. "If to do were as easy as to know what were good to be done," said one woman. But ultimately women will be led to apply principles as a part of wisdom. Then will the domestic service problem be solved.

## A Vassar Graduate Wife of Japanese General.

Marchioness Oyama, wife of the Japanese general, is a remarkable woman. A precocious high school pupil when only 10 years old, she won an American education given her by the Japanese govern-

ment. Coming here in her 11th year, she was prepared for Vassar college in a Connecticut private school, at 21 was a Vassar graduate, at 22 the wife of Baron Oyama, and now, in her 33 year, she is recognized as the most versatile woman in the empire. She became known years ago as an expert fencer, swimmer and horsewoman. As a student of botany, zoology and foreign languages, she is in the first rank. She is also said to be the foremost authority in her country on Shakespeare.

## Sacajawea and Baby Get Pass From New York.

In honor of their distinguished services to the country the courtesy of a pass has been extended them by the New York Central, Northwestern and Northern Pacific. There is no doubt that if the women along the route knew when Sacajawea's private car would pass they would turn out en masse to do her honor.

## Lecture on Iceland Lady Von Rydingsvard.

Several weeks ago we announced the arrival in Portland of a very distinguished lecturer, Madam Anna von Rydingsvard, and expressed the hope that the efforts of the Women's club might be successful in inducing her to lecture for them. It is a pleasure to be

able to announce that such arrangements have been completed, and that Miss von Rydingsvard will give her lecture on "Iceland." Although a native of Sweden, the lecturer has spent many years in Sweden and Denmark, and many months in Iceland. Through her marriage affiliations she has procured many valuable books, photos of silver and curios not obtainable for love or money. Madam von Rydingsvard has a magnificent voice, and at the lecture will give several Icelandic folk songs. She will also exhibit some of her photo-records. The lecture will be free to club members, who have the same privilege of inviting guests that is given at regular meetings, by paying 25 cents for each guest.

## Old Rhymes With New Jingles.

Where are you going, my pretty maid? To the club election, sir, she said. Add what is your favorite color? he said. Why do you ask me? Of course, his red, is your favorite, one of position and tons? Of course she is, for I've worked my phone. Don't be inquisitive and I'll tell you more, I've religiously gone from door to door. Those spinning dizzies I've assured with tar; I've scoured the highway near and far; I've made them pay dues till their pockets were green, and their hearts were blue. And the floor of the clubroom with its crowds will moon. Easter is eclipsed with its gorgeous gowns. As we rally forth in our final rounds; Balloons will be the center of the day; But never an epithet will come our way.

## Boston Interested In Oregon Club Work.

Miss Chase reports the organization of a club at Newburg, Oregon, with the following officers: President, Mrs. Rosa B. Morback; vice-president, Mrs. E. C. Cowman; secretary, Miss Dora Brock; treasurer, John Campbell; auditor, J. C. Smock. This club starts with membership of 25. Miss Chase recently spoke before the Friends' college at Newburg. A number of new members have been added to the Newburg club. At last reports she was speaking to various groups. After a speech before a grange meeting at Scholls she organized a club of 15 members, with the following officers: President, Mrs. Carrie Schmeitser; secretary, Mrs. Annie Westrom; treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Flint; auditor, Mrs. G. M. Glines. Miss Chase spoke to 200 strangers, and was invited to speak at a number of other grange meetings. She has been invited again to visit Newburg, where she organized a club recently, to speak at a mass-meeting. We expect that Miss Chase will soon be re-elected by the presence of Miss Laughlin in Oregon.—Boston Journal.

## Pure Food Legislation.

The April number of the Federation Bulletin comments editorially on the action of the National Association of Packers and the similar National Association of Canners in voluntarily agreeing to abandon the use of adulterants, and to support their own inspectors to enforce the agreement. The Bulletin points out that their action was nothing more than a clever ruse, whose object was to prevent pure-food legislation. While the packers and canners realize that the time is near at hand when people will demand pure-food laws, and will get them in the United States senate. It is much easier for the manufacturer to make concessions to the demand for pure food than it would be to obey pure-food laws. The one policy can be abandoned gradually, whereas it is difficult to get a good law repealed. The pure-food committees in the clubs are therefore advised to relinquish none of their efforts in behalf of the bill which is to be brought up in the next congress.

# GOSSIP OF SOME CURRENT BOOKS

## From the West to the West.

By Abigail Scott Duniway. Some years ago Mrs. Duniway wrote a story entitled "Captain Gray's Company" which has since become a classic in the history of Oregon. It is now being reissued in a new edition, and is being read by a new generation of young people. The story is a true and stirring one, and is a fitting tribute to the pioneer spirit of Oregon.

## The Pioneer.

By Geraldine Bonner. This is a California story full of romance, history and incident. The "Pioneer" and hero of the story is a man grown old in the western country. Having made his fortune in "the forties," but being unappreciated in his later years, he contemplates a visit to

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as this is the second book pertaining to Oregon that has been published this month. It is a story of the life of a woman who was given to the public simultaneously with "From the West to the West," but second in period of time. "Katharine" comes to Oregon quite a half century after the author of the first; came from her eastern home, probably in a Pullman car and surrounded with the luxury and convenience of modern travel, but took up her abode in the forest primeval and almost as virgin as Mrs. Duniway found it. Almost under the shadow of one of Oregon's towering mountains and at the foot of one of saintly name she found a haven of beauty and contentment she had little dreamed of. Here her love and admiration for her surroundings found an outlet in newspaper articles, appended to be the letters of "Elizabeth" to her friend "Nell," and these letters, with some slight alterations, have now been brought into book form and given to the wider public with the above title.

## White Terror and the Red.

By A. C. McClurg. This is a story that has been told over and over again of Russia's brutality, ignorance and unmitigated horrors, but it has the advantage of being told by one who speaks from actual personal experience, and who tells his story with a purpose. Mr. Cahan was a member of a revolutionary circle, and in his book gives much of the inside workings of Nihilism that have never before been told, and after reading the story of the White Terror of the

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throne and the Red Terror of the revolution, one is filled with wonder and amazement that two such complete organizations could live upon the same soil, apparently grow strong and thrive and yet neither, up to the present, able to annihilate the other. The ease with which the heaven of civil liberty permeates, not only the masses, but royalty itself, is shown by the conversion and life of Pavel Boulouff, a prince of royal blood, who, as the help of the book, becomes a leader of the revolutionists, willing to give up his life of ease and luxury, and suffer even to imprisonment or death, if he be called upon for the cause. His conversion is due to the courage of a young Jewess with whom he becomes a co-worker and afterward marries, but the romance is so clouded with political intrigue, and personal danger that it is almost bereft of sweetness or beauty. The value of the book lies in the concise, journalistic manner of explanation and laying bare, without a superfluity of detail, the exact situation of Russia today, and the demands that are growing louder and louder for a constitutional government. It also throws a strong light on the diabolical treatment of the Russian Jew, and excites a sympathy rarely created by mere learned treatise, hence will command a larger sale than the same story without the brighter thread of romance running through it. The whole book might almost serve as a key to the present situation in the "far east." A. E. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

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