

# WOMEN'S CLUBS

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## Many Portland Women

### Join the Consumers' League.

On Tuesday of this week a representative body of Portland women met at the Hotel Portland to perfect a branch organization of the Consumers' League. About two years ago Mrs. Frederick Nathan, the national president, visited Portland, giving one or two public lectures and several parlor talks on the work of the league, and this summer several people, prominent in the work, have been here and awakened a new local interest. The women who were present were aroused to bring out the many women that filled the parlors of the Portland Tuesday afternoon, when a permanent organization was formed and the officers elected.

Of the work of this organization too much cannot be said, for in larger cities and older states it has proved its excuse for being. It has agitated better labor laws; it has protected the responsible buyer; and in a great measure it has lessened epidemics of contagious disease, but it has not yet reached its zenith of power. Nor will it until the women who are enlisted under the sign of the league are counted a contingency. When it comes right down to hard facts, one third sentiment plus two thirds political equals success, and as in all other forms of organized activity, the political politician blandly tells you, "Thus far, and no farther, shall they go"—but that as Kipling would say, is another story.

The National Consumers' League has an international reputation, and its good work is beginning to be adopted in European countries. Last summer it was honored with a gold medal by the League International in London. At the same time Mrs. Frederick Nathan, Mrs. Florence Kelley and John Graham Brooks were given special gold medals for the efficient work in the league. The league had an exhibit at the National Science department, in conjunction with the American League for Social Service, of which Josiah Strong is head.

The Consumers' League received honors at the Paris exposition, and the Grand prize at the St. Louis exposition, which shows the high esteem in which its work is held the world over.

Mrs. Frederick Nathan, who has just returned from Europe, speaks enthusiastically of the progress of the work in France, especially in Paris, where it is perhaps needed most, although industrial conditions among the women of rural districts are deplorable.

In France the league bears the name "La League Sociale d'Acheteurs," and its white list does not refer to department stores nearly so much as to dressmakers and tailoring establishments, confectioners, grocers, etc., where girls are held in actual bondage, being forced to work always on Sundays and holidays, and in busy seasons far into the night.

Mrs. Nathan herself made interestingly of the establishment of a tailor, whose customers are largely fashionable Americans. She succeeded in warning a number of people against this establishment, where conditions are really deplorable.

Mrs. Nathan also visited Holland, where the league, until recently, has had little success, but where now the women feel thoroughly interested in it. All this shows, however, that the league has grown, and while Portland is comparatively free from the curse of sweatshops, it is not free from the work produced in them. Thousands of garments are brought by the states from other states every year which were made under the most revolting conditions. That Oregon is not producing this class of goods, does not by any means absolve the women of this city from their responsibility. If we buy ready-made garments without the Consumers' League label upon them we are equally as responsible, whether they be made in New York or Portland. We hope and believe that the women of Portland last Tuesday was latched upon, on the high sea of success, and we commend its work to every club in the state and ask their cooperation. There will be no other to them, and it is stated probably for some time, but clubs could very materially help the work and protect themselves by maintaining a committee, whose business it would be to keep in touch with the league, suggesting and receiving suggestions.

## Some Contemplated Plans

### For the Clubs of Oregon.

Owing to October being an unusually busy month, with the closing of the fair, picking up the loose ends and adjusting conditions that had grown entirely out of plumb, the state federation officials have only begun to see their way a little clearly toward putting the machinery into working order.

It is believed that by this method many more women may be gotten to work, and the organization will be helped and strengthened.

It is hoped that some time during the winter the national president, Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, will visit Oregon. If she does, a general invitation will be extended to the clubs of the state to come to Portland and welcome her. Dates probably will be obtained and a large attendance would be guaranteed.

## An Irish-American

### Mayor's Real Americanism.

Patrick Collins, the mayor whose recent death at Boston, and with it Massachusetts, is mourning, so "The Irish Spectator," his judgments and his attachments, has been, was of Irish birth and a religion Roman Catholic. Once, in addressing those who were of his

## Women's City Party

### Enlivens Philadelphia Politics.

No more promising sign has ever appeared in the political horizon than the part women are taking in the municipal fight now in progress in Philadelphia. It is well for Grover Cleveland and his grasp of political corruption and his aversion to public affairs and speak with poetic fervor of the silent influence of the home and the more powerful weapons of love and womanly devotion.

When women become the wage-earners and people who know the sex much better than the honorable ex-president know that few women are wage-earners unless compelled to be—they begin to realize how helpless they are in the grasp of political corruption and greed, just as the women of Philadelphia are realizing that they are paying enormously for their gas and other public utilities, while the gang waxes fat on their earnings.

The present movement in Philadelphia is being watched with the utmost interest by the women throughout the land. The names that head the movement in Philadelphia are the names of "fanatical" applied to a movement of this kind, for these women have given it a new meaning.

The largest factor in overthrowing the Durban-Penrose ring in Philadelphia probably was the exposure made in the Arena by Rudolph Blankenburg, and at the head of the Women's City Party stands Mrs. Blankenburg, who for years has been a social leader, as well as the foremost suffragist in the state.

Mrs. Blankenburg was one of the most distinguished women who visited Portland last June at the time of the national suffragist convention, and who met and heard her feet confident that she will carry to a finish anything she undertakes. She is strong, forceful and convincing in her arguments; handsome, noble and dignified, and with so womanly that she wins all hearts to her.

When women like Mrs. Blankenburg have the courage to attempt to break into the stronghold of Israel Durban here is hope for smaller cities where the ring has only been welding for a score of years and the machine is not quite so complete. Before this can be done, however, the women themselves must wake up to the necessity of the work.

## The Federation Bulletin

### Worthy in Every Respect.

An "official organ" has been the necessary result of the movement toward the creation of the general Federation. Four distinct attempts have been made to establish an "organ" that would meet the needs of the national organization, and be acceptable to state federations and individual clubs. So far none of these has filled the requirements, and it is doubtful if one ever will be wholly satisfactory. This is due almost entirely to the diversified interests of club women, which cover every conceivable branch of literature, philanthropy, civic and reform work.

But whether meeting every individual taste or not, it is the duty of every individual club woman to support the official publication of the general federation, for, while that paper would necessarily be ponderous and cumbersome, as well as expensive, if it tried to devote much space even to state organizations, it will always, if properly conducted, contain the work of the national body which should be the guide to state work.

At present the general federation has no official organ, as the Club Women's Magazine, which was adopted at the last biennial, failed a month or two thereafter. It being quite necessary to have a paper to disseminate the news of

## Some Timely Suggestions

### For Our Forestry Workers.

Mrs. Lydia F. Williams, chairman of the national forestry committee, made the following annual report to the council:

Forestry in the federation is on the increase. From Maine to California clubs report definite work accomplished and increase of interest. Thirty-seven state federations have organized forestry committees, and the remaining states will fall into line at their next annual meeting. The chairmen are enthusiastically spreading the propaganda of tree planting and forest preservation.

Three objects were recommended for state federations to work for, namely: Organization of a department of forestry and the appointment of a technically trained forester in every state; introduction of some instruction in forestry in every school; the creation of state forest reserves.

The general federation, it was stated, should support legislation looking to the securing of federal reserves in the south Appalachian mountain and the two Calaveras groves in California.

The increasing interest of the clubs in highway tree planting was reported, and the initiative of the Thursday club of St. Paul in getting the school children to purchase and plant fruit trees on Arbor day was emphasized.

A broader application of the principles of reciprocity that shall nationalize our interest and sympathies until the special work of each state becomes the general work of the country.

## A Worthy Book

### Which Will Be Appreciated.

The California club of New York has a project on hand which if well carried out ought to result well. The club has offered to act as chaperon and friend to all California girls and women who are in New York for a prolonged course of study, either literary, artistic, musical, dramatic or professional.

Many girls who go to New York to fit themselves for work find themselves in need of advice and friendly interest. They are at a distance from their families and it is often many months before they make new acquaintances in whom they feel confidence. The members of the club all have lived in California, and almost any foreign girl will find some one who knows her friends at home. Application should be sent to Mrs. George E. Gordon, California club, the Waldorf-Astoria.

## Interesting Meeting

### Of the Home Training Society.

The Home Training association held its regular meeting last week in the city hall. The growing interest in the home training work is shown in the numbers who attend and if a mother comes once she generally seems to enjoy coming again.

After a harmonious reading by Miss Brook the children were led into the playroom, where the new toys are a never-failing delight. Mrs. A. J. Montgomery then spoke on "Christian Training in the Home." Her remarks were pointed and practical. She said:

"Our children should have Christian training because it is right and because it is safe. Let them have before them always a good example. They imitate in everything else and in this as well, and the value of a good example cannot be overestimated. When the mother thinks that the children are watching her and copying what she does and says makes it easier for her to be patient and sweet and gentle. Teach the Bible not from religious books, but from the Bible itself. Try to give the children only a little of this teaching at one time and take the proper time when they are in a loving, tender mood. Never try it when they are cross or resentful. Try to give them some Christian thought every day and remember that while other people may teach them anything or everything, the only one who can give them their religious training is the mother herself."

A spirited discussion followed the address, after which the president announced that the meeting would be held every Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the city hall, and that all mothers are welcome.

## What One Woman

### With Energy Can Do.

Dr. Sarah W. Kendall of Seattle deflected almost single-handedly a desperate attempt to establish state regulation of vice in Washington. Seeing in the newspapers that a bill providing for "regulation" had been introduced in the legislature, Dr. Kendall took measures to arouse against it the women's clubs of the state, including the women's clubs of Everett, the home of the mover of the bill.

The consequence was that the bill was withdrawn. The work she has done so quietly that few persons knew of it. Cincinnati is the only large city in the United States that now is disgraced by this European system of "vice regulation." Dr. Kendall certainly deserves the thanks of all the women of Washington, or indeed of this whole northwest, for when a canker of this kind takes root its spread is but a question of time.

## Regarding Corruptionists

### And Those Who Vote for Them.

Thomas F. Curley, who was deprived of his seat in the legislature of Massachusetts last winter because he had been sent to jail for violation of the civil service laws of the United States, in which violation he committed a gross fraud, announces that he will be a candidate for the legislature again this year. If his fellow-citizens of the Massachusetts ward re-elect him, they will deserve to be disfranchised.—Hartford Times.

In other words, they will deserve to be placed on the same political level with Julia Ward Howe.—Woman's Journal.

which gives her nature description vividness and reality. The finest character in the book, unless it be Milbanke who is so entirely the English gentleman, so mild and unobtrusive that he would be spoiled by comment is Clodagh's sister Nancy, who is a little timid girl in the early chapters of the book and scarcely again appears until she sweeps into the story at the end, the strength and saving grace of her wild and handsome sister.

The story is compelling from start to finish, never lagging for a moment, while keeping the plot well to the fore and leading up to an exciting climax.

It will undoubtedly be one of the sensational books of this year, as "The Masquerader" was of last. Harper & Bros. Price \$1.50.

## Books

### THE GAMBLER.

By Katharine Cecil Thurston. Few books within the past year or two have caused so much comment as Mrs. Thurston's first story, "The Masquerader." It was daring in plot and handled boldly, if not with entire skill, and whatever of unfavorable comment was made regarding its unfinished condition, there was but one opinion of the author's ability and in the belief that more polished work would come from her pen in the future. This promise has borne fruit in the present work, which in style, finish and detail far surpasses the first, though perhaps in plot it lacks the startling originality of its lesson—if one is intended—is the power of heredity, and the author has sketched in her little lesson in so delicate a manner it is merely suggestive and in no wise spoils the story by sermoneering.

James Milbanke, an English archaeologist and bachelor of means, journeys

## Jack London, Who Publishes a New Story in November Century.

to Ireland, to visit his college mate, Denis Ashlin, whom he has not seen for 30 years, and incidentally to look up certain ancient ruins. To his astonishment he finds him a widower with two daughters, the eldest well on to young womanhood, and his handsome, gallant friend a debauched gambler, who had ruined his family to poverty and encouraged his estates beyond hope of recovery. A bitter quarrel results upon the second night of the visit because Milbanke, at the request of Clodagh, the eldest daughter, refuses to play cards with Ashlin. The friends separate in anger, to meet again after several years, at the deathbed of Ashlin, when the two girls become the charges of Milbanke. At the suggestion of an Irish servant Milbanke solves the problem of taking under his personal care an unusually handsome girl of 18 years by offering himself in marriage, and Clodagh, in a mistaken sense of duty, acquiesces. The girl, however, has no financial obligations. All goes well, and both soon realizing their mistake, accept the inevitable and are placidly contented until a visit to Venice brings the world into view and the wild Irish blood of Clodagh throbs and courses through her veins and she is dizzy with the desire to be a part of it. The royal blood of many ancestors saves her from the leap, and two years later the aged husband passes away, leaving her a well-guarded fortune and a confidence free from any wrongdoing. But, ever watchful, the snake was in the Paradise, and again the temptations came and warred within her until the demon of chance held the separate families are carried through her wrongdoing. But, ever watchful, the snake was in the Paradise, and again the temptations came and warred within her until the demon of chance held the separate families are carried through her wrongdoing. But, ever watchful, the snake was in the Paradise, and again the temptations came and warred within her until the demon of chance held the separate families are carried through her wrongdoing.

## The Queen's Page.

By Cornelia Baker. This is a fine juvenile story, based upon authentic history and arranged in such an engaging manner and told in such a simple, unembellished style that it wins the heart of any reader, old or young. The romance is not only historic and interesting, but thrilling and compelling. A little pair

## The Three Weavers.

By Annie Fellows Johnston. A fairy tale the first, a legend the last; both the author tells us, for fathers and mothers, as well as for children, and it would be hard to find two more perfect little books—little gems, we were about to call them—for in technique they are pretty and attractive, and in subject matter clear-cut little crystals of wisdom which point an unmistakable moral.

"The Three Weavers" is a lesson in whatever is worth doing, is worth doing well, and measuring one's work up to the full standard without being diverted or led astray by temptations.

"In the Desert of Waling" exemplifies the reward that comes, by patient endurance, to those who carry the burdens that are laid upon them and neglect not the small things.

Shapur, the salt merchant, is detained in the desert by his camel falling sick. In unloading his sacks he inadvertently drops them into the water and the salt water thereby not only loses his chance of entering the Golden Gate, but his cargo as well. Following a bee he reaches the Rose Garden of Omar, where he patiently distills the roses until he has saved enough to have the Golden Gate swung open to him, and his one little vase is worth more than his whole cargo of salt. This is the legend of Camel-Back mountain, that the author has so attractively presented to her readers. The books are published by L. C. Page & Co., J. K. Gill Co., Portland.

## The Ballingtons.

By Francis Sewell. This is one of the strong, clear, well-written books of the year. The plot is thick with incident, with the interest well sustained until the climax comes at the very end. Two sets of people, or more properly speaking, two separate families are carried through the book; one in which the husband is the financial head, and the other in which the wife holds the purse-strings and owns the home.

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## Literary Notes.

"Outdoor Pastimes of an American Hunter."—This new book, by President Roosevelt, will be published by the Scribners the latter part of this month. It is a record of his hunting trips in recent years, including his bear hunt in Colorado, his wolf hunt in Oklahoma this spring, his Yellowstone trip in 1903 and his cougar and bobcat hunt in Colorado in 1901. The book contains a chapter, "At Home," which describes the requirements and methods of recording of animal life, with something about family pets. The illustrations, which are from photographs taken on the trip, are of the greatest interest and value.

## "Pipetown Sandy"

By John Phillip Sousa. So brilliant is the reputation of the great bandmaster that his literary attainments have hardly been recognized, and by many not even known, and he is an expert with the pen of literature as with the baton or pencil of musical composition, he undoubtedly ranks way beyond the amateur in the field of fiction.

"Pipetown Sandy" is his second story, the first being "The Fifth String," which appeared some time ago and came as somewhat of a surprise to many who had never associated John Phillip Sousa with anything but music. It is just, however, only to say that its popularity came from merit rather than from its author's personality, and so it will be with "Pipetown Sandy," which contains not only literary merit, but in an intensely interesting boy's story. To be sure, the plot of the book can neither be called new or original, but it is told in such a fresh and happy manner the reader finds himself following with increased interest two boys, who are entirely different in mental and physical attainments, but go through school congenial in every respect and loyal under every circumstance. The book is simply the story of these boys, and incidentally the friends and companions that surround them, who are many, and all contribute to give interest and excitement to the tale to the very end. The author, unlike many writers whose ruling passion lies along other lines, refrains from introducing his life work into the book and it might be read through without a suspicion that the writer was the "march king," who has set the world afire with his entrancing music.

Throughout it is a wholesome story, neatly bound and beautifully illustrated. Bobbs, Merrill & Co. Price \$1.50.

## "New Creations in Plant Life"

The life and work of Luther Burbank, the famous Californian who has created so many new fruits and flowers, is described in full by W. S. Harwood in this forthcoming volume. The Macmillan company will publish the book, which will be illustrated with 50 full-page halftone plates.

## "Where Copper Was King"

By James North Wright. This is a tale of the early mining days on Lake Superior, and a novel of remarkable interest full of adventurous incident and with a vein of delicate romance. It possesses the special merit of recording vividly a phase of western life which is fast disappearing. With the immense growth of the mining industries on Lake Superior much of the picturesque and characteristic life and characters has gone forever, and the Cornish miner, like the cowboy of the plains, has disappeared. It will add to the interest of the story to know that the author was formerly the superintendent of the famous Calumet & Hecla mine (of which company he is now a director), and that he describes herein life which he has actually seen. Small, Maynard & Co. Price \$1.50.

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