

WOMEN'S CLUBS

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Interesting Notes

From W. C. T. U. Convention. The largest and most notable convention ever held by the National Woman's Christian Temperance union just closed a most enthusiastic series of meetings at Los Angeles, California. Nearly every state and territory in the union was represented. President Stevens gave one of the strongest, ablest addresses ever heard at a national convention of the W. C. T. U. The array of platform talents was truly remarkable, and a most intelligent, fine-looking body of women would be hard to find. Many of the state presidents showed able statesmanship in debate and in their brief addresses. Mrs. Frances Graham of New York, the national music director, wielded the baton with skill and her sweet voice showed it had lost none of its power to please. The Senior Loyal Temperance Legion women came in a special car and created intense enthusiasm with their ringing rally cries and songs. The reports of superintendents of departments were full of inspiration and progress was evident in all lines of work. The federation of unions in Los Angeles gave a great reception the preceding night before the convention. The chamber of commerce tendered a reception, which was a brilliant affair. The Twentieth Century club gave a banquet to a large number of officers. The great banquet was another of the handsome social functions. The National Press association of the W. C. T. U. is an organization which includes many noted penwomen. On "platform night" Margaret Dye Ellis won many laurels. Mrs. Hill is the woman who conducts the legislative work at headquarters in Washington, D. C. Belle Kearney, the silver-tongued orator of the south, held a magnificent reception furnished by the local committee was exceedingly fine. Mrs. Callie Howe, one of the brilliant speakers on organization night, is to make a tour of Oregon and will reach Portland November 19. Her lecture series will follow later. Mrs. Herbert Shattuck, a young lawyer, who is giving a year to the lecture bureau, will devote two months to Oregon. Pasadena day at the convention was one long to be remembered. The day after the convention ended an excursion to Pasadena had right of way. More than 400 visiting white ribboners went by trolley to the fair city, where carriages met them, which took them all for a drive over the city, and was followed by a delicious lunch served in a charming manner. The mayor heartily welcomed the ladies, and the president voiced the thanks of the large delegation. The board of trade gave the official board a magnificent banquet in the form of an illustrated booklet, beautifully designed. A most enjoyable trip was the balloon excursion, so called because the tracks over which they were formed (in shape) a balloon. It embraced many cities, beaches, the Old Soldiers home and Santa Monica, where a magnificent reception was tendered by Dr. Marsh and Mrs. Eaton. The thirty-fourth annual convention of the W. C. T. U. will be one long remembered as the most successful, most enthusiastic, largest and most delightful socially. L. H. A.

Two General Measures For Club Women to Help.

Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker was the central figure at the New York state federation which met in Binghamton last week. The morning session opened with a council of presidents over which Mrs. Decker presided. The council was meant to be exclusively for club presidents but Mrs. Decker protested and insisted that she be admitted to the meeting and the session was finally turned into an open parliament. "It has long been a source of perplexity how to get the various state federations, not to speak of individuals, in intimate touch with the general federation. Until Mrs. Decker's administration last attempt was made to harmonize the standing committees of the state and general federations, but good progress along this line has all been made. The difficulty of communication between the large organization and state bodies remains, however, and the discussion at Binghamton was mainly directed toward this vexed question. The general federation has two plans which it is trying this year to push through with the assistance of the state federations and the individual clubs. One of these is the support of the pure food bill in congress. The bill has the warm support of all clubs, and Mrs. Decker is anxious for concerted action by club women all over the country, which may result in the passage of the bill. The other plan is a petition from club women for an appropriation from the industrial conditions of women in the United States. This measure has the backing of such women as Jane Adams, Mary McDowell, Mrs. Heron, Mrs. Nathan and many others. Mrs. Decker's New York discussion of these projects brought out many suggestions and intelligent schemes, but the best plan offered was for the appointment in every club of a general federation secretary, whose duties would be to attend the general federation matters and to present them to the club through the member best fitted to handle them. This plan for the state work of Oregon has already been inaugurated, and will be put into effect as rapidly as the rights of women for the committees can be secured.

Some Inconsistency In Male Statesmanship.

Says Iva G. Wooden: American men very generally accord womankind all the virtues of the race. They say women are endowed with a keener perception of right and wrong, a quicker intuition of justice, greater regard for truth and call attention to the fact that the larger per cent of high school graduates year after year are girls. Now, these same men are in congress, state legislatures and city councils where they can endow all degrees of executive power on women, and why is it that they accord so much ability in theory and grant so little exercise of it in the practical affairs of government? A keener perception of right and wrong brought to bear on questions of corporate as against individual interests would be of great value in many cases, and a quicker intuition of justice of the measure would enable legislatures to dispose of bills looking toward humanitarian ends with a saving of time, while a greater regard for truth would materially improve almost any public enterprise. There are grave questions confronting this generation of men and women

An Attractive Way To Acquire an Education.

Could what be called educational clubs be organized? This was the question asked Dr. Cressy at the meeting of the Woman's club. In replying he said that he hardly knew whether the question was asked seriously or in a spirit of fun, but taking it to be the former, he could not commend it. "The question was meant just as Dr. Cressy took it, seriously, for the reason that some of the club members of the conservative type had been exercising a whistle section in its educational department. In the annual report, Mrs. E. P. Scoble said: "A large number of the members of the California club believe, with the noted Berlin scientist, that the feminine mind of our century needs more systematic study, and having the authority of President Eliot of Harvard, who has stated that the study of what is the best method by which to promote close observation, accurate recording and correct inference, a large class has devoted a weekly session to this attractive means of mental improvement, with the result not only of pleasant companionship, but that members have also shown increased activity in lines of club work. Without any disposition to criticize the women of the California club, and with apologies to the game, it seems a case of beating his Satanic majesty about the bush to make what a part of an educational scheme. As a social feature there is nothing in the club idea to prevent any organization establishing such a section. Some women abstain from card playing from principle, many because they consider it a waste of time, while others have no opinion on the subject, but do not care for cards. All who play, however, do so wholly for the pleasure—and sometimes for the pecuniary profit they gain from it, or at least, that is what has been thought heretofore. The action of the California women puts a new phase on the subject, and while it may be the vindication for other clubs adopting what is an educational feature, it would be advisable for them to consider well where it may carry them before they launch out upon the experiment.

The Woman's Club Will Discuss Equal Suffrage.

The next meeting of the Woman's club promises to be one of the most entertaining and spirited of the year. An unusually strong program has been prepared, including a lecture on English literature by Professor H. H. Herdman, and some fine music, but perhaps what will call out as largely an attention as any other feature will be a debate on woman suffrage, which will occupy the half hour immediately preceding the program. At the recent state convention a resolution was adopted asking each club to set aside a part at least of one meeting for the discussion of this subject. As the matter in the state of Oregon has now become a vital question, and will be before the voters at the next June election, it behooves the women of the state, irrespective of which side of the question they take, to inform themselves upon the issue, and discuss it from every point of view. Any question that means such a revolution in the lives and happiness of all the women of the state should have the fullest and freest discussion. With this in view, and that both sides may be represented ably, and intelligently, discussed, Miss Laura Gregg of Kansas, who is here as an organizer for the suffrage women of the state, will open the discussion with a five-minute speech in favor of the enfranchisement of women, and Mrs. Ralph Wilbur, president of the anti-suffrage society of Portland, has been invited to open the argument for the other

A Harvard Graduate Hits Wide of the Mark.

An anonymous writer in the Harvard Graduate Magazine has a long deprecation of Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie, under guise of reviewing the Shelburne Essays. After many assaults upon Mr. Mabie the writer finally gives him his death thrust by declaring that he is the idol of the women's clubs and lives in a perpetual Chautauqua salute. This is almost as near the truth as it could be to say that Mr. Charles M. Depew is the idol of Harvard graduates and lives in a perpetual Technology yell, since women's clubs are no more related to Chautauqua or to Mr. Mabie than Harvard is to Tech or to Yale. It is almost as good as the statement of the English correspondent who, in writing about American club women,

Side. Both women are capable, earnest and able in their cause; both have given time and thought to the subject and do not doubt will deem it a privilege and great opportunity to place their views before the women of the club. Afterward the floor will be free to the club members for general discussion.

Present Day Club Has Interesting Meeting.

The Present Day club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. T. B. Jackson at 5 East Fifteenth street. A paper on "The Disfranchisement of Women" was read by Mrs. Jackson, one on "Russett's Imperial Family" by Mrs. E. N. Allen and on "Impressionism in Art," by Mrs. E. B. Pillsbury. Songs were given by Mrs. B. Lathicum, Mrs. J. P. Johnson, Mrs. E. B. Lathicum, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. James Muckle, Mrs. Moffett and Mrs. A. A. Morrison. They will be assisted by the women of the parish. The dining-room is in charge of the King's Daughters under the supervision of Mrs. S. E. Lathicum. A candy table will be managed by some of the younger people and Miss Carolyn Burns, Miss Margaret Morrison and Miss Margaret Walter will be in charge. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the guild.

Home Coming Week A New and Happy Thought.

The "state societies" that have been formed in Oregon, Washington and other states that are considered new, have undoubtedly given the suggestion to the "back east" states to gather together their children, in reunions, and home coming" celebrations are now being arranged at several. Massachusetts was the first to make it an accomplished thing and in "home coming week" from Canada to the gulf and from ocean to ocean came trooping back to the old Bay State her children. As the suggestion of Miss Louise Lee Hardin, editor of the Business Woman's Magazine of Denver, Kentucky is preparing to bid its 600,000 sons and daughters welcome to their old Kentucky home. The date has not been arranged, and nothing else definitely except that it is an assured fact and the word has gone forth for every Kentuckian to prepare for the pilgrimage. Undoubtedly other states will follow this example, and it is well worth following, for it is a beautiful and patriotic movement, and one which will particularly appeal to women in whom the home feeling is always strongest.

COMING EVENTS.

The Needlework guild will give its annual exhibit of work at the Unitarian chapel next Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. Tea will be served to the guests by the members of the guild and it is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity to become acquainted with the work. The exhibit is not a sale but merely a display of the work done during the year. The guild is a non-sectarian charitable organization, a national society of which this is a branch. The requirement for membership is the making of two like garments each year. The requirement for similarity in the two gifts is a sensible one, arising from the fact that the poor get little good from a garment unless a change accompanies it, and both should be nearly of equal interest. The most prominent charity workers of the city are interested in these little folk and are lending their assistance. Tea will be poured that day by Miss May Felling, Mrs. C. A. Dolph, Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett and Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd and young society girls will assist them. Candy will be for sale at a table in charge of Mrs. Thomas Kerr and Mrs. Harry Allen. The turkey dinner given by Trinity guild Tuesday evening next will be another public affair requested by society members. The Trinity dinners are famous from former years and the names of the women in charge this year are a sufficient guarantee for a repetition of quality. The feast will be a sort of

declared that what they were could be seen in their great organ, the Ladies Home Journal. The writer of the screed against Mr. Mabie does not seem to know that most of his essays were written for the two particular magazines which have these articles in the present issue. While it might seem unkind to twist upon the first two characteristics, we cannot refrain from saying that contemptuous references to women in such an influential test of character as it was was—Federation Bulletin.

Woodburn Club Resumes Work.

The Woman's club of Woodburn held its first fall meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Corina B. Gill, October 1. The members have gone to work earnestly and will devote the year to the study of American poets. The club numbers about 50 women as well as for self-betterment. The new officers are: President, Mrs. C. B. Gill; vice-president Miss Kate Wilson; treasurer, Miss Molly Voorhees; secretary, Mrs. Isabel Settlemyer. In connection with this list of officers it might be remarked that Eugene university, Corvallis college and Willamette university claim one each of the officers as graduates, while the other is a product of the public schools. The former president, Mrs. Grace Austin, a graduate of Monmouth college.

School of Printing Established for Chicago Women.

Apparently the members of the Typographical Club believe they have a long fight with the striking printers on their hands. They have established a school of printing and are enrolling young women as pupils. The school opened last week with twenty girls, who receive from \$12 to \$18 a week. No attempt was made to get them to learn the trade. Employers say that the women show great dexterity in the use of the type-setting machines and that they are good typers. They will make them the equals of the best type-setting machine operators of the other sex. The school of instruction included a course extended to familiarize pupils with the construction of machines, so that operators need not be dependent upon to keep the intricate mechanism going.

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SOCIETY

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operative field with a world-wide reputation, but only a few immediate friends have had the privilege of hearing him here at private gatherings. The board of the Patton Home for Old Ladies has sent out requests for Thanksgiving donations. Money, provisions and linens will be received generally during the week of Thanksgiving. The dinner will be served at the office of Puffer, Burgard & Co., 251 Washington street, November 28 and 29, and till noon November 30. Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Higgins of the California commission, who have been at the Eaton since the California building at the fair was closed, visited in Tacoma last week. Secretary Denison of the commission was with them and they returned Friday. They expected to leave for home last night. The theatricals being planned by the Woman's club for December will be of general interest. It will be a benefit performance at the Belasco, of Clyde Fitch's play, "The Girl With the Green Eyes," and a long list of patrons, including ardent charity workers, is being arranged. Mrs. Curtiss Strong is giving a tea on the 28th to introduce her new daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fred Strong, who has recently come from Galesburg, Illinois. Mrs. C. S. Jackson had invitations out for cards Friday afternoon, but they were recalled because of so many other engagements.

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chase of pews and making other desired improvements on the building. Preparation of a large assortment of useful and ornamental goods is well under way. Including marvelous creations of rugs and other household trophies, evolved from the most unlikely materials. To a casual looker-on at some of the industrial parlor gatherings, it seems as though the east had come to meet the west, as all-round handy New England housekeepers join forces with big, warm-hearted Pacific slope people. The fair has every possible chance to be a success.

The Michigan society is making preparations for a big "Turkey-fest," Wednesday evening, November 23, to which it is inviting all the other state societies. The entertainment will take place at Ringler's hall and an interesting program will be given. The crowning feature of the evening will be the giving away of several hundred turkeys by a drawing contest. All members of state societies are invited. Delegates by Governor Chamberlain. He will spend four weeks between New York and Philadelphia in graduate work.

At next Friday's meeting of the Women's club Professor Hugh Herdman of Portland academy will lecture on "Shakespeare." Lady Anna Von Rydgrensky will sing some folk songs of Norway and Sweden. Miss Leota Slegner will give a Shakespeare reading. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Asher will be pleased to see their relatives and friends at Congregation Ahavah Shalom, Park and Clay streets, to witness the confirmation of their brother Abe, Saturday morning, November 26, at 10 o'clock.

The Grazan Juniors have issued invitations for the Thanksgiving party to be given Thursday, November 23, at Larowe hall, Twenty-third and Kearney streets. Parsons' orchestra will furnish music. The Illinois Study club will meet with Mrs. D. F. Hardman, East Thirty-sixth and Washington streets, Wednesday, November 22, at 2:30 o'clock. A dance will be given in the A. O. H. hall Wednesday evening, November 23, by the Hibernian Social club. All are invited.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement of Miss Stella Lovv of Honolulu to Frederick Patterson of Seattle is announced. Miss Love spent the greater part of last winter here, the guest of Miss Elizabeth Church and other girl chums, and made many new friends. Miss Julia Coman returned home with her in the spring to visit several months and is just on her way back. Mr. Patterson is well known in the city where he formerly resided and often visits.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. E. M. Fisher will leave soon for the orient via Honolulu by the advice of her physician because of her falling health. Miss Carrie Hurst has returned from a visit with her parents in Salem. Dr. T. B. Ford of the east side visits Willamette university at Salem last week, where his two daughters and son are in attendance. Mrs. Bertha Alexander of Pendleton was last year's St. Victoria Hall girl in visiting friends in Portland.

Albany visited friends in the city last week. Mr. and Mrs. G. Montell of Salem were Portland guests early in the week. George Goodall has returned from a short visit with Professor and Mrs. F. G. Young at Eugene. Mrs. F. E. Wiggins of Salem was a guest here last week. Miss May Taylor of San Francisco arrived Wednesday to spend the winter with her brother Ralph. Mrs. Frank Vincent DuMont leaves for her New York home after the summer and fall spent with her mother, Mrs. Henry E. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Webb have just returned from a short trip to the sound cities, and visiting in Tacoma their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Root went to Salem Wednesday to attend the Spooner-Stilton wedding.

Dr. A. Tilzer left Thursday afternoon for New York city to attend the International Immigration Congress to which he has been appointed delegate by Governor Chamberlain. He will spend four weeks between New York and Philadelphia in graduate work. Rabbi Wolf Willner, Mrs. Willner and their two children arrived in the city Wednesday evening from Meridian, Mississippi. Dr. Willner has been elected recently rabbi of Congregation Ahavah Shalom, the orthodox synagogue, and the family will make their home here. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bowers of the Hotel Portland have gone to New York on a visit.

Mrs. John Rittenhouse Stevens will leave this week for San Francisco to spend several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Merges spent the early part of the week in Seattle. Miss Wynne Coman is in Tacoma for a short stay. Mr. and Mrs. B. Wistar Morris, Jr., left last Saturday on their return to New York after a fortnight's visit with Bishop Morris. They were much entertained during their stay.

ILLUMINATION PROGRESS SHOWN AT THE LIBRARY Material has been collected in the reference-room of the Public Library giving illustrations of book covers, baskets, iron grilles, ornamental alphabets and illuminations. In connection with the illumination, a special exhibit will be in place on Tuesday, November 21, and will continue in the reference-room through the rest of this month and December. This exhibit contains colored plates showing the progress of illumination beginning with the Egyptian and continuing through the period of decadence of the sixteenth century. All important periods—Carolingian, Celtic, Anglo-Norman, etc.—are represented and there are examples of all countries that did work of this kind. Besides the reproductions, there are a number of stamps of original illuminations, some of these manuscripts on vellum and others on paper, and some illumination on the printed page of the 15th and 16th centuries. The material for this is the result of a series of lectures given in the library, which the idea of this collection.