

# HOMES OF THE Y. M. C. A. IN OTHER CITIES



These are some of the Y. M. C. A. buildings in course of erection in cities of the United States. All of them are being erected by popular subscription and show the vast hold the Y. M. C. A. has upon the public. Portland's need of a larger and better equipped association building could not be more greatly emphasized than by a comparison of the present headquarters with the pictures of the handsome structures in course of erection in other cities.

The cost of these new buildings range from \$90,000 for the new home in erection at Lynchburg, Virginia, to \$400,000 for those at Dayton, Ohio, and Los Angeles, California. The new association building at St. Paul will cost \$285,000, and the one at South Bend, Indiana, which was donated by the Studebakers, will cost \$150,000. The building at Paw-

tucket, Rhode Island, will cost \$135,000, and the one at Omaha, Nebraska, \$315,000.

The cost of these structures shows that the men behind the local association conceived the new building on broad scope and with a belief that the future of Portland would be marked by a great growth in the city's population. Every detail of the new structure has been planned upon a broad scale to meet all requirements of the coming large membership.

The work of the new campaign has progressed favorably this week, and altogether the sum of \$11,892 has been reported by the solicitors. The total amount now raised for the \$350,000 home for the Y. M. C. A. of Y. W. C. A. is \$242,625, including the \$230,733 raised in the campaign last fall.

## WOMEN'S CLUBS AND WORK

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### Club Women's Experience

In Oregon State Legislature.

Six years ago the women's clubs of the state appointed their first legislative committee and delegated it to go to Salem and importune the legislature for a free library bill. For four weary weeks it importuned, until by their much importunity—or to get rid of them—the legislature granted the request with an amendment which made their bill almost inoperative. Two years more and another spell of "importuning" annulled the objectionable feature of the bill, because the good work had demonstrated itself, and women in legislative work thereby became an accepted factor.

Nothing could testify in more pronounced terms the change in sentiment and the character of the work that women have done in legislative work than the difference in the treatment accorded them in six short years.

In the first year of their legislative work, while they met with no discouragements, the atmosphere was not congenial; there was the sub-conscious feeling of being a nuisance and the decided impression that the men to be interviewed were trying to get out of your way.

When the legislative committee of the state federation went to Salem last week it was met on all sides with the most cordial greetings. It was sought out, it was consulted, it was invited to more committee meetings than it could

attend, it was invited to the front, and it had to use its utmost endeavors to prevent its many friends from asking the privilege of the floor for it, there was no swiftly vanishing senator or representative just when he was most needed, and what was most appreciated of all was the respectful treatment given the measures which the committee was interested in.

Four years ago the State Federation of Women's clubs took to the legislature a bill that had been jointly prepared by it and the state conference of charities and corrections. All it succeeded in was to have a committee appointed to investigate the needs of such an institution in Oregon. At the session two years ago the committee made such an urgent report that \$15,000 was appropriated to buy a site and continue the further investigation of the subject.

To Professor G. W. Jones, superintendent of the school for the blind, was intrusted the work of such investigation, and for this purpose he visited seven different state institutions in various parts of the United States and gives an exhaustive report in a pamphlet of some 50 pages, of what he has found in his investigation both in this and in other states. He says: "There are probably more than 1,000 feeble-minded, idiots and epileptic persons within the state (Oregon) qualified for admission to the institution contemplated, one half of whom are cared for at home, and do not require institution care."

In view of these facts it appears at the outset that the appropriation made by the act (of last session) was insufficient to purchase the grounds or land required, or to undertake to prepare plans and specifications for the necessary buildings.

The report shows that an institution of this kind, taking into consideration the future needs and requirements, should have a large tract of land, thereby greatly lessening the cost per capita for maintenance of the institution, and also making it as self-supporting as possible. Fourth—To afford healthy employment and exercise for the inmates confined in the institution.

The report goes into elaborate details on every vital point and the board to whom it was submitted, after carefully examining every feature, asks for an appropriation of \$150,000, which will buy 700 acres of available land and put up adequate buildings.

The matter came before the ways and means committee last Monday and the federation committee with a representative of the associated charities of Portland was invited to be present and speak to the committee on the subject. Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, Mrs. C. C. Chapman and the president of the state federation all made earnest addresses upon the subject and their own experience in working on the subject could throw much light upon the needs of an institution of this kind in Oregon.

Professor Jones, Superintendent Ackerman, Dr. Williamson of Portland and J. H. Albert of Salem made strong and forceful arguments on the subject and the impression is general that the measure will carry.

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mittee was delightfully entertained by Professor and Mrs. Jones, it went to a meeting of the pure food committee, by special and urgent invitation. If this meeting did not ring with the same deep tones of earnestness that the former meeting had it redeemed itself in spectacular features.

There the female triumvirate met in mortal combat the heavyweights in Portland's commercial world. For over three mortal hours they played battledore and shuttle-cock with the elusive weights of fruit cans, olive bottles and the festive sardine.

"We are willing to give you pure food," cried the jobbers. "But we want full weight," replied the women. "Manufacturers won't sell us goods in Oregon if we ask for honest weights," yelled the front street contingent. "Boston did without tea for a principle," meekly suggested the chairman of the club committee. "Let's compromise," said the arbiter of the crimson vest. "Never," quoth Chairman Burns. "I was elected on a platform of honest weight and there I stand." And there he was still standing when the silver threads of morning began to streak the eastern sky. The

**EVER FROM THE MOUNTAINS**

Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for Rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Lovell, Grand Junction, Colo., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment last winter for Rheumatism and can recommend it as the best Liniment on the market. I thought, at the time I was laid down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your Liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours and well in three days. Hold it all druglists."

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outcome was still problematical when the committee from the state federation and Consumers' league had to leave for Portland, but if honest weights are forbidden in the state of Oregon this year it is only a postponement, and Mr. Burns will have the satisfaction of knowing he fought a good fight, and the women of the state will contemplate with satisfaction their part in it when they are carrying home their pound and a half of flour in a brilliantly-covered two-pound box.

Mrs. Mary H. Abel

Writes on Pure Food.

Of all the laws, state or national, that have been passed within many years, it is doubtful if any has attracted such universal attention as the pure food bill enacted last June, largely through the Federation of Women's clubs, and becoming operative the first of this year. It is a measure that nearly concerns the individual than almost any material measure for it reaches right into the homes of the country, and all the homes, both of high and low degree, and into every branch of business almost. But for all this it is strange how little of the practical side of it the housekeeper is familiar with and that is the feature the women who were instrumental in securing its passage are now taking up.

As an excellent beginning Mrs. Mary Hinman Abel leads off with a most illuminating article on the subject in that wonderfully bright new magazine, "The Ladies' World" for February. In the realm of professionals no one stands higher than Mrs. Abel, who has not alone had the practical experience but has the technical and theoretical knowledge as well. The General Federation of Women's clubs is proud to have Mrs. Abel on its pure food committee and in giving her fine article to a woman's journal it will have wide circulation and do incalculable good as it so clearly and plainly sets forth just what the law means, straightening out its tangles to the lay reader and casts light on its obscure passages.

The article is headed with different headings, viz: "A New Note of Advertisement," "What the Law Cannot Do," "The States Must Wheel Into Line," "The Method of Procedure," "The Housekeeper's Part," "Read the Labels." This covers pretty well all the ground necessary for the housekeeper to know, and if our clubwomen are not perfectly familiar with the bill they helped to create it would be an education for them to read Mrs. Abel's article. Pure food measures are destined to be among the most frequent subjects of legislation for some years to come, and every club woman should inform herself on every phase of the subject.

**No State Clubs Now Exist in Oregon.**

One of the left-over regrets from the Lewis and Clark fair is the abandonment largely of the state clubs. Two or three mixed societies hold occasional meetings, but for any practical service they count for little. Of course, they were organized for a purpose and after the advantages had been derived from them at that time had passed. Men generally were too busy to continue them for pleasure, but the women should at once have organized clubs out of what remained, bearing their true name.

One of the largest contingents in the New York City federation is the state clubs, which have proved an unqualified success. In the city Ohio has two societies; southern women generally are welcomed to the Dixie club; South Carolina has a society of its own, and there is a large membership of southern women in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Indiana women have a club, and there are many members of the Chicago Women's club. New England and California have branches of a national society, New York state women have a club, and are active in promoting state interests, the preservation of Niagara falls being the paramount interest this year.

With women coming into Portland daily from every state in the Union, societies like these would be a blessing and help to many who find themselves "strangers in a strange land," and to know that there was a club of women bearing the name of their home state, even if all members did not come from that state, would be a sort of welcome to them.

**Prominent in Woman Suffrage Works in Idaho.**

Mrs. Adelia B. Scott, the official hostess of the Idaho building at the Lewis and Clark exposition, is a woman with an unusual history. She served on the school board of Idaho Falls for eight years, during five of which she was clerk of the board. She then served for two years as justice of the peace and declined a re-nomination. But apparently this town was unwilling to dispense with her services, for on a vacancy in the justice's office she was appointed to fill it by the county commissioner. Next the office of police judge became vacant, and she was appointed to fill it by the mayor. Last fall she was elected county treasurer of Bingham county on the Republican ticket, and about \$350,000 has already passed through her hands. Mrs. Scott is the wife of a prominent business man of Idaho Falls, who has always believed in woman suffrage, and who is pleased to have her hold these positions of trust.

Mrs. Scott was born in Illinois, and had lived in Iowa, Colorado and Kansas before finally settling in Idaho. She says that the women of that state are less strictly bound by party ties than the men and are more apt to vote for the best man irrespective of party. She has seen her relatives homesick or neglected children as a result of equal suffrage, and she says that the women of Idaho have much more influence with the legislators now than before they obtained the ballot.

**Much Good Work By American Club Women.**

The Woman's club idea has reached far-away Persia. In Tabriz, a city of some 200,000 people, with a large export and import trade, carried on wholly by means of camels, horses and donkeys, as there are no wagon roads, there is a small American colony of about 800 families. They are much better educated than the surrounding Mohammedans, and maintain two schools for girls, as well as two for boys. The first school in the city to teach Mohammedan boys sciences and the western languages has just been opened; but the Armenian Women's Benevolent Association of Tabriz, a society with only 110 members, has for years maintained 13 schools in the neighboring villages. These Armenian ladies raise all the money themselves to support the schools, and work very hard in order to do so.—Boston Journal.

**Sunday Afternoon Club.**

Mrs. F. M. Miles entertained the Tuesday Afternoon club this week and the following program was carried out: "Character and Value of Restoration Literature," Mrs. J. D. Hayes; character sketch of "The Panther," Mrs. G. G. Glines; "Dryden as a Dramatist," Mrs. Marwin Fugh; "Dryden as a Satirist,"

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The next meeting will be held with Mrs. G. H. Eshelman, 321 Pearl street, February 13, at 1:45 p. m.

**A Consolation Club Better Than Consolation Prize.**

Twelve women writers constitute the Consolation club of Buffalo, New York, of whom collaborated in writing "The Mistletoe Christmas Pudding." Mrs. Elizabeth Flint Wade wrote the plot of the story, divided it into episodes and assigned the part to the members. The result is one of the most readable holiday books of the season. Mrs.

Wade was the associate editor of Harper's Round Table for eight years, and is now the associate editor of the Photo Era of Boston.

**Go to Portland Clubs: To and Do Likewise.**

The Woman's club of Spokane, Washington, has become incorporated with a capital stock of \$30,000, to build a handsome and commodious clubhouse. It is expected to have it ready when the State Federation meets in Spokane next year. The Woman's club of Springfield, Massachusetts, is just completing a \$25,000 clubhouse.

Miss Mabelle Gilman is studying music, some of which Mr. Corey may have to face at some future time.

## RAILWAY TAKEN OFF STILTS AND PLACED ON SOLID EARTH

Steam Shovel at Work on Southern Pacific Railroad in Southern Oregon Mountains.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 2.—In removing the millions of tons of decomposed granite mountains in southern Oregon wooden trestles across the canyons and gulches along the line of the Southern Pacific in Josephine county, the company is employing huge steam shovels. These shovels are operated by powerful twin engines, are built on steel cars, and are moved from point to point as the work progresses. The shovels have a capacity of many thousands of cubic yards daily, and load an entire train of gravel flat in a short time. The filling in of the old wooden trestles has become necessary since the laying of heavy steel rails, and the grading of the heavy locomotives on the granite division.