

WOMEN'S CLUBS AT WORK

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WHILE from general principles we object to women using their much vaunted influence with the voters, yet there are times when it becomes necessary for mothers to resort to this undignified procedure and use their influence that their children may secure their birthright of good citizenship. One of these times is upon the mothers of Oregon now when the question is before the state: "Shall Oregon's university be maintained in a manner to reflect credit and dignity upon the state and be equipped to educate the children of Oregon an education that will prepare them to keep Oregon abreast with her sister states when the mother citizenship fall upon them, or shall Oregon continue her mean, miserly policy with her university that is sending hundreds of boys and girls to other states for an education of the state, to the institutions of learning every year?"

This is the full meaning of the referendum which has been called on the appropriation made by the legislature at its last session for the state university. What the mother citizenship has in our false political scheme, it is a matter for the voters to decide, it is a matter closer to the home and the mother than it can possibly be to the voters, except in just the one feature of the immense amount of unfavorable advertising it will give the state and the Oregon university put into a second-class rating by the men of the state and for purely mercenary reasons. To the mother it means either that she must send her girls to a distant state, be separated from them by great distance for the most of four years—and just the years when the mother should be in closest touch with her children, or she must be satisfied with her children receiving an education that is acquired in an institution so crippled for funds that girls must board out through the town because their dormitory cannot be heated, and with a library without lights, and all other departments of the institution in as deplorable a condition. With these conditions obtaining it is little wonder that over 300 young men and women from the state of Oregon attend colleges in other states with a loss to Oregon of about \$100,000 yearly.

Many of these students who have been educated by Oregon money never return permanently to the state, and other friends and other interests, have been created, whereas if they had been educated at home their education would have counted in the advancement of citizenship of the state. The whole question of this appropriation comes so near home and is of such vital importance to the members of the state that every thoughtful citizen can but deplore the fact that two years ago women were given the right of suffrage. If they had been, the people who have invoked the referendum on the university appropriation would probably have saved their money and their pains in procuring the signatures to their petition, for no mother would ever endorse, by her vote, so narrow a basis for the state university as that her state educational institution, but not having the vote, her responsibility does not end with the duty to do in this matter, and if every clubwoman in the state will do her duty, first by informing herself of the necessity for this appropriation and the deplorable condition the university will be in without it, and then bring every influence to bear upon the men of her family to vote to stand by the same measure, a few years Oregon will have a state university that will rank with any in the land.

WHAT the Portland Woman's club went on record as opposing the Rose Fiesta is receiving general commendation throughout the city. Times out of number the Woman's club has petitioned the board of education for better protection for the children from various causes, and still more times has criticized the board for its indifference to the health and safety of the children, and it would have come with very poor grace, had the club done anything but vote to stand by the board when the whole weight of argument, from the standpoint of the good of the child, is with the board.

No organization in the city will give the rose show and every feature of it, more loyal and generous support than the Woman's club will do; but even before the 38 principals spoke, the mothers of the club had voted the same sentiment and had given almost exactly the same reasons for not wanting the children to parade. No one argued from the commercial side of it who objected to the children parading, and of course every one, on both sides, admitted the beauty and attraction of the feature. The children enjoy it, of course, just as they enjoy cake instead of bread for dinner, and tomorrow morning will not be any the less the case, but the men of sorts, and incapacitated them for service at school. In short, every argument advanced for it, almost, is admitted, but it is only the question of full while the opposition go farther and take the child's side and then the other is overwhelming, lost sight of, and this is the only viewpoint the Woman's club could possibly take.

But because the children cannot parade, it is no reason why they should not have their part in the fiesta, and the parade too. A mile of beautiful floats filled with children would be immensely attractive, and did any one ever know a child that wouldn't rather ride than walk? The floats would be pure joy while the parade would be a most arduous exertion. The floats would be showy and prizes might be awarded to the school with the most original idea or for the beauty or design of the float. In fact there are many ways in which the children could take part and feel they had a share in the fiesta without such an immense sacrifice of time, health and vitality, and if some other way, than a parade, is devised, the management of the fiesta will find that, to a woman, the members of the club will stand back of them and render every assistance possible.

dividual, is the unit of the state, and the vast majority of women are represented by household suffrage.

6—Because the women not so represented suffer no practical injustice which giving the suffrage will remedy. Because equality of character does not imply equality in function, and the duties and life of men and women are divinely ordered to be different in the state and in the home.

7—Because the energies of women are engrossed by their present duties and avocations, from which men cannot relieve them, and it is best for the community that they devote their energies to the more efficient performance of these duties, and divert them to new fields of activity.

8—Because political equality will deprive women of special privileges heretofore accorded them by the law.

9—Because suffrage logically involves the holding of public office, including military duty, and office-holding is inconsistent with the duties of most women.

The argument is signed by the following named women of the state: Mrs. R. W. Wilbur, Portland; Mrs. F. M. Williams, Eugene; Mrs. Eleanor E. Hill, Portland; Mrs. Thomas Thompson, Pendleton; Mrs. J. M. Carter, Portland; Mrs. J. N. Lane, Pendleton; Mrs. A. E. Rockey, Portland; Mrs. E. L. Marshall, Pendleton; Mrs. Herbert Holman, Portland; Mrs. R. E. Norton, Pendleton; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hamilton, Portland; Mrs. F. J. Bailey, Hillsboro; Mrs. Perry H. Raymond, Salem; Mrs. W. E. Youkey, Astoria; Mrs. Thomas Coates, Tillamook; Mrs. George Flavel, Astoria; Mrs. J. H. Templeton, Prineville; Mrs. F. E. Harlow, Troutdale; Mrs. W. A. Howe, Carlton; Mrs. L. Gerlinger, Dallas.

the "clinging vine" period of development. Settling forth in a formal document their intention to stay in the parasitic class, taking absorbing, consuming, without any adequate return to the producing forces. They are on the charity lists, but they close their eyes to the fact they are obstructive to progress, but they do not recognize it. They think it is aristocratic to be dependent. They are content to be "half complete" development of sex limitations instead of the full rounded development of a human being. But their eyes are blinded pass the own egotism, and the grief is bitter among those who are doing the work, that these women with their wealth, education, and possibilities, carelessly and thoughtlessly drop their share of the world's struggles on to the shoulders of the overburdened. And until they see, we must do our work and theirs. We cannot shirk as they do. We must take up their load. And we wonder, too, at the measure of their own grief when they shall awaken, when they shall realize what their blindness has cost the world. We prefer to believe that they do not know. We are sure that ignorance of conditions, and a false sense of their relation to the throbbing pulse of the world, prompt them to do what they do. They were never evolved from clear-thinking or knowledge-seeking brains.

TWO American girls to be chosen by a committee of five, Mrs. Francis Potter of the University of Michigan; Miss M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr college; Miss Laura D. Gill, dean of Barnard college; Miss Agnes Irwin, dean of women at Radcliffe college, and Miss Marion Talbot, dean of women at Chicago university, will be sent to England to investigate as boys are now sent under the system of Rhodes scholarships.

The general federation of women's clubs of the Society of American Women in London, will each support a scholarship, allowing \$1,500 a year for expenses. Candidates for the scholarships will be required to pass the same examinations as those taken by the boys who try for the Rhodes scholarships. From among the girls who pass the committee will select the two to be sent the first year.

IN connection with these scholarships the president of the Oregon federation received the following interesting letter last week from Madame Thayer, president of the Society of American Women in London: "122 Lexham Gardens, Kensington, London, England.—Dear Madam: I have had the pleasure of meeting Professor Schaffer of the University of Oregon, through Miss Bigelow, formerly of the staff of the same university. They both assure me that you will be interested in my work and encourage me to believe that you will give your cooperation in your work and further its object. Oregon has two Rhodes scholars at Oxford, one of whom, Mr. Winans I know; her name is Mrs. Winans. She has the same advantages as her men if these scholarships are to do the work designed for them. For it is not in the order of moving things for one half to swing forward without the other.

"We in America are nation builders, within our borders are dissimilar elements gathered from the farthestmost parts of the world, these to be molded into a harmonious whole, and upon our women rests the duty of making the nation rises higher than its mothers. Think of two years at Oxford, Cambridge or London, free from the sordid cares and worries which so many student students must contend against. Then the holidays on the continent—the change of climate, scenery, customs and characteristics of the different lands. All this means the broadening and deepening of the student's own character, and the broadening of the woman altogether. I feel sure you will help on the work.

"My hope is that in time each state will found a scholarship and I trust to private generosity to endow a second. "These latter scholarships might be known by the name of their women, but the whole body should be united by common title to emphasize the aims and ideals they have in common and to give a sense of 'noblesse oblige' and a feeling of kinship. "I have talked to all the London editors of all the leading New Zealand and Australian papers, and I have written to the inspector general of education and they are pledged to push the scheme to completion. As one of the Australian states will not let America get ahead of her in this matter, I shall be glad to give you any further details desired. Yours faithfully, (MADAME) K. THAYER.

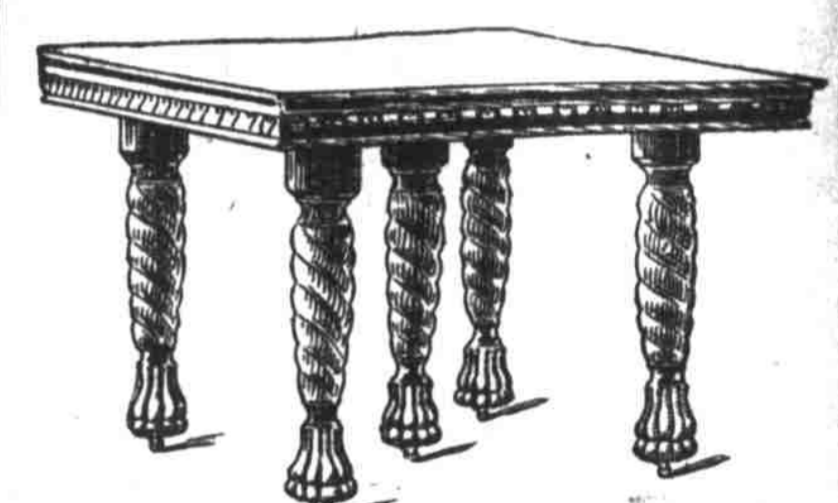
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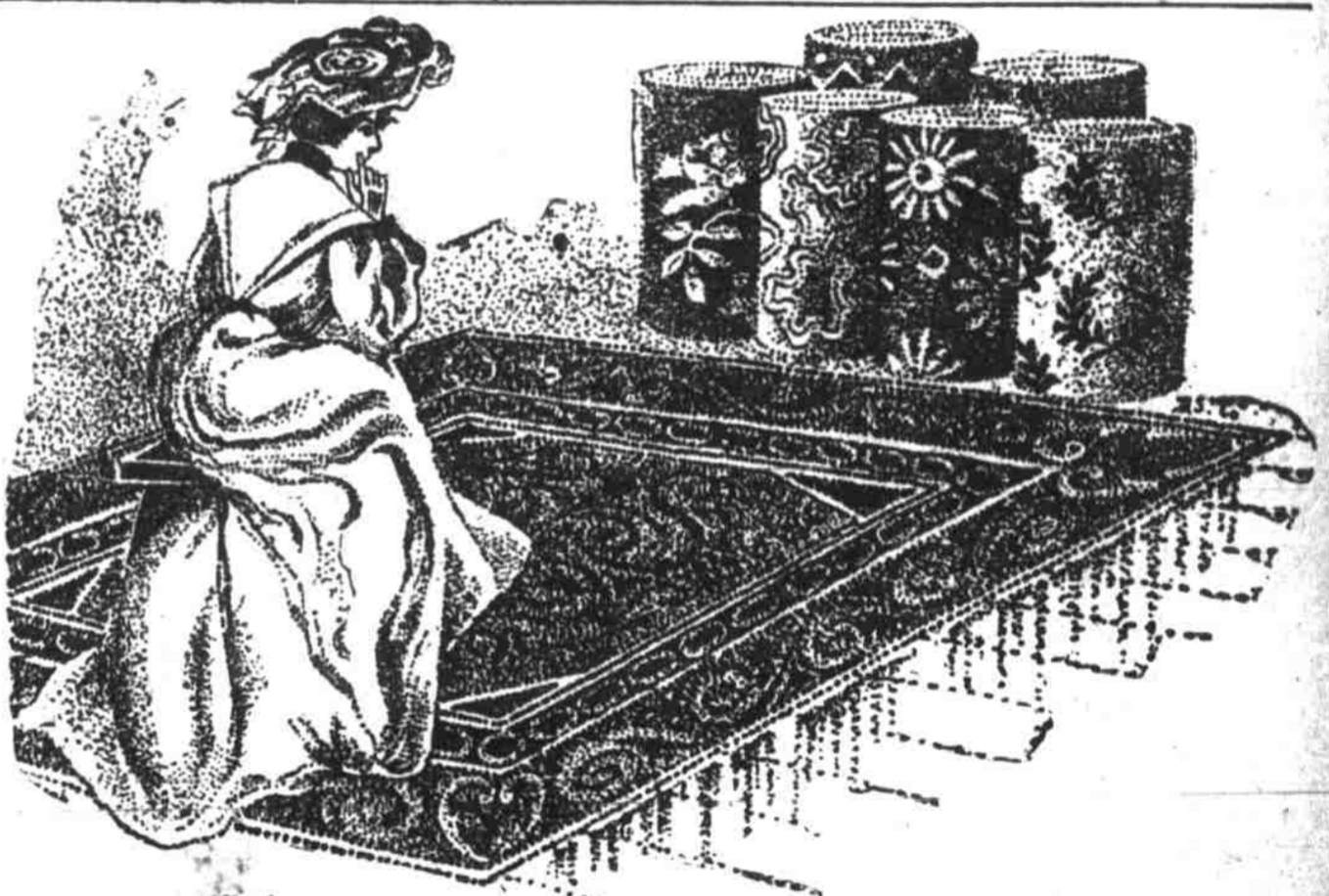
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TEN reasons are cited why woman suffrage should not prevail in Oregon, as follows: 1—Because suffrage is to be regarded not as a privilege to be enjoyed, but as a duty to be performed by the women of this state. hitherto the women of this state have enjoyed exemption from this burdensome duty and no adequate reason has been assigned for depriving them of that immunity. Suffrage upon the women who claim it would impose upon the many women who neither desire it as a privilege nor regard it as a duty, a burden which they are not prepared to bear.

2—Because the need of America is not an increased quantity but an improved quality of her population. It is not a question of believing that woman's suffrage by doubling the vote will improve its quality.

3—Because the household, not the individual, is the unit of the state, and the vast majority of women are represented by household suffrage.

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have since been taxed to liquidate at the rate of about \$1,000,000 a year, of exiling Boss Sheppard as a foundation for a monument erected by a forgetful and consequently grateful people; and the result of increasing in three or four years from about \$4,000,000 to \$24,000,000 the debt of the District, which the people of the United States

rest of the country to divide the expenses of the luxury.

The Republican state central committee of Michigan has decided on May 15 as the date and Grand Rapids as the place for the state convention in elect delegates-at-large to the national convention.

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