

WOMEN CAN'T VOTE

Strange Situation in District of Columbia, Big City in Which People Have Nothing to Say About Its Governing.

By Henry K. Lambie.

Washington, June 6.—For several years more and more attention has been attracted to the fact that at the seat of the federal government there reside something over 400,000 people who pay taxes, directly or indirectly, but are absolutely without representation in the tax-paying body. They have nothing to say as to who shall make their laws nor any voice in the selection of the executive officers of their municipality, who are elected by the people.

One of the main grievances leading to the revolt of the American colonies, thousands of people have expressed the conviction that the situation in the District of Columbia was repugnant to American institutions, and that the people of the District have not themselves loudly complained.

It is true there always has been a strong minority sentiment here in favor of the election of municipal officers and representation in congress, but there stands one great obstacle in the way of their making any progress. Nearly one third of the population of Washington are negroes, and they are the most ignorant and depraved of their race. As there never has been any chance that congress would confer the franchise of the white inhabitants of the District and deny it to the negroes, sentiment against negroes has prevailed. Although the population of the national capital is cosmopolitan, its sentiment is a southern city and, in fact, often commented upon by northern people coming here soon acquire the southern viewpoint on the race question.

People who have remained being denied the right to vote but who have been unwilling to share the franchise with the negroes have conspired themselves in the belief that the present system gave them the best government of any municipality in America. The high excellence of the District government has been a boast for years, and the present president of the board of District commissioners has made it the theme of numerous Chautauque lectures. But now there are open charges of graft in the municipal government, a public hearing having disclosed that the charges were not without foundation. It was said that the man who has been claimed so loudly about the purity of the District government.

Another boast has been that politics never entered into the municipal affairs of the national capital. But now it is disclosed that the Republican politician and the Democratic commissioner have quarreled—though possibly not over party politics—and that the employees are divided into two hostile camps.

When the advocates of District suffrage make their annual fight in congress next winter they may have a better chance of success.

There was just one flag in Washington which did not fly at half mast. That was the flag on the White House. On all the other government buildings, on business houses and private residences the usual tribute was paid to the fallen soldier dead but the White House flag flew proudly at the mast head.

Thousands of people noticed the incident, and late in the afternoon inquired as to the why and wherefore began to reach the White House. The only explanation given was that the messenger whose duty it was to raise the flag each morning had forgotten that it was Decoration Day.

If anyone has doubted that this was a presidential campaign year he need doubt no longer. The Timothy L. Woodruff vice-presidential boom has made its appearance. Letters have been sent from New York soliciting support for Woodruff for second place on the ticket. For many years Woodruff has been named to the vice-presidency, but Republican national conventions always have refused to take his name. He wears a bow of modest black, but the story of how when nomination for another office was in question, Senator "Tim" Woodruff inquired sarcastically if it had "simmered down to Tim."

So while Woodruff's boom helps us realize it is a presidential year, the prediction is not made that the convention will be stamped by it.

Several days ago the statement was made in this correspondence that were it not for the fear of accentuating sectional differences in Ohio, Representative Theodore E. Burton would make the speech at Chicago placing Taft in nomination for the presidency. Information is not vouchsafed that the Taft management has already determined to take this risk and that in all probability Burton will be the Taft orator.

EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF CLUB WED IN YEAR

Cupid Plays Important Part in This Amateur Dramatic Organization.

Philadelphia, June 6.—With two brides and 16 bridegrooms from their members during the last 13 months, a unique distinction has been gained by the Enterprise Dramatic club of the St. Vincent de Paul's parish, East Price and Evans streets.

Never before in the 37 years of the organization's history have so many of its members wedded; neither is it likely that the record can be equaled by any other amateur theatrical organization in the city.

All the Enterprises members are residents of Germantown, and their roll includes names of sons and daughters of some of the old families in that vicinity. By producing at least one play a month these amateurs have won the favor of many persons, not only for their acting, but also for the large amount of money they raised for charitable purposes.

Recent of these numerous marriages was that of Miss Jane H. Foster to Thomas F. Cummings. Mrs. Cummings' former husband, who was married to Vincent Kelly, are the two girl members of the dramatic club to choose husbands from this organization.

Unusual among these weddings was when sisters, Miss Whitty, married Daniel Foster and Robert Foster, brothers.

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"Another reason why nickel-plated legislation, palmed off on the country as solid silver, ought to be exposed, is that as soon as a meaningless and ineffective law is placed on the statute books on a given subject, it adds greatly to the difficulty of getting a better law. That is why the labor organizations wisely took the ground that they would rather have no anti-injunction legislation this year than to take what was offered them. They would rather wait a session or two, in the hope of getting real relief, than to take something now which would do them little good, but would always be pleaded hereafter as the evidence that nothing more was needed.

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June Has Come

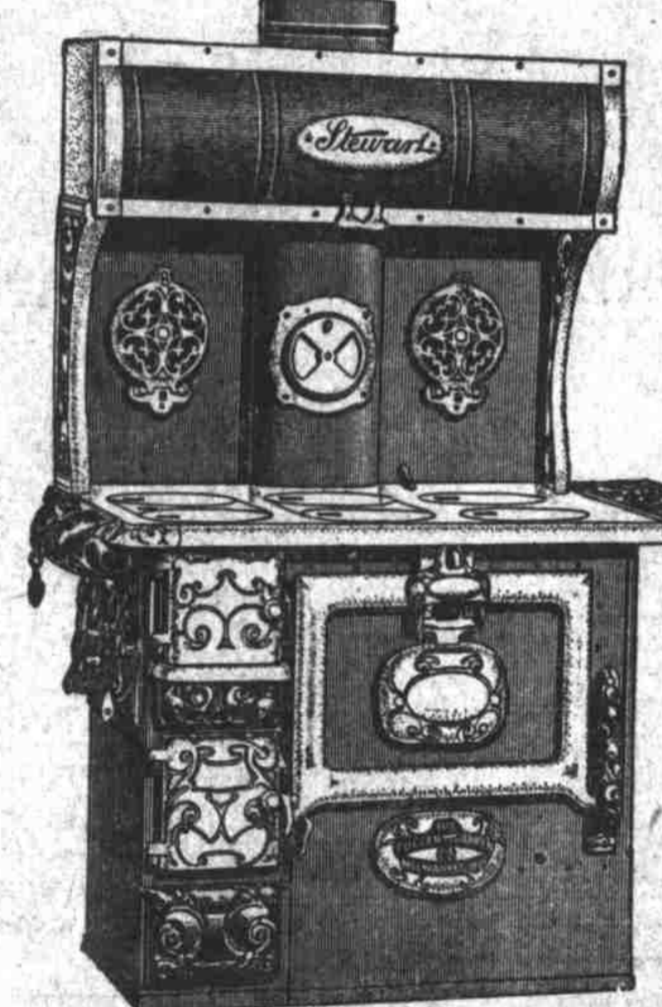
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SOCIETY

(Continued from Page Two.)

The comedy drama "Emeralda," which was given Wednesday evening by the solemn sophomores of the Vancouver High school at the Vancouver auditorium was a success. The students were drilled by Miss Roberson, a graduate of the Western Academy of Music and Elocution. The musical numbers were furnished by Mr. Logan's Mandolin club. After the play the company was banqueted at the Watflett. The cast:

Eibert Rogers, a North Carolina farmer, Cory Galbraith; Mrs. Rogers, his wife, Gertrude Lawson; Emeralda Rogers, their daughter, Bertie Nell; Dave Hardy, a young North Carolinian (Emeralda's lover), Ned Burnham; Mr. Estabrook, a man of leisure, Otto Ballhorn; Jack Desmond, an American artist in Paris, Roger Moise; Nora and Kate Desmond, his sisters, Mabel Hillstrom and Zillah Crawford; Grew Drew, a speculator, Ivan Blahop.

COMING EVENTS

An entertainment will be given by the Deaf society of Portland at the Immanuel Baptist church, Second and Mead streets, Friday evening, under the auspices of the Philathea class. Following is the program:

Sign song, "Nearer My God to Thee," Mrs. Reichle; Mrs. Johnson and Miss Iverson; natural signs, "The Emotions," Mrs. Johnson; 23d Psalm, Mrs. Reichle;

rainbow morion song, Mrs. Jorg; dialogue, "Courtship's Difficulties," Mr. Redman and Mr. and Mrs. Young; sign story, "A Monkey's Churning," Miss Hansen and Mrs. Jorg; sign song, "Yankee Doodle," Mr. Van Emon; story in pantomime, "Courtship," Mr. Johnson; story in pantomime, "Preacher and the Wasps," Mr. Redman; recitation, "The Broken Pitcher," Mrs. Jorg and Mr. Van Emon; sign recitation, "Star Spangled Banner," Mrs. Reichle; scripture reading, "Jesus Still the Tempest," Mr. Van Emon; the child's paper, Mabel Steger.

The people at Rainier, Oregon, are looking forward to a great treat this coming Thursday, when Mrs. Frank Swanton will give a dramatic recital in the town hall. Before her marriage she used her talent and training in connection with the university extension movement of Minnesota, besides giving recitals in most of the large European cities. She will be assisted by Mrs. Reno Hutchinson, the well-known contralto soloist. The E. I. S. club of enterprising girls, under Mrs. E. P. Moser's able leadership, have the credit of making all the arrangements, and they will use the proceeds to send 10 delegates to the northwest Y. W. C. A. conference at Seattle.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will hold an evening meeting next Friday at the home of Mrs. H. H. Duff, Twenty-second and Hoyt streets.

The art department of the Woman's club announces that next Tuesday, the last meeting for the year, will take place at 2 o'clock in the art room of the Public Library. Mrs. Abendroth will read a paper on "Rubens in Spain," Mrs. Webster will sum up the year's work and speak of "Stories of Art and Artists." The psychology department will also

meet for the last time directly after the art. Mrs. Webster will speak on some of the general laws and on "How to Live in Heaven or Hell, Here and Now."

All club members are especially invited to these closing meetings.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Nash announce the engagement of their daughter Dawn to John Clifford Bird of Seattle. The marriage will take place next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Delury announce the engagement of their daughter Blanche Elizabeth to G. F. Handley of this city. The date of the wedding has not been set.

PERSONAL

Mrs. J. E. McLean and her son, Clayton, of Fuyallup, Washington, are in the city the guests of Mrs. McLean's sister, Mrs. L. A. Kent.

Mrs. D. R. Parker of Condon is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Farman of Montavilla.

Miss Laura Harris of Los Angeles, formerly of Portland, is visiting Mrs. Mildred Bromberger at 778 Marshall street.

Mrs. James N. Glimmer and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Shippin of Seattle, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Glimmer.

Mrs. C. N. Elliot of Seattle was a visitor in Portland this week.

Mrs. C. A. Berry and her daughter of

207 Benton street have gone to Tacoma to attend a banquet given by the Order of Railway Trainmen. They expect to return some time this week.

To Sail for Europe.

The many friends and patrons of the well known establishment of Olds, Wortman & King will be delighted to hear that Miss Bernard has again started on a European buying trip.

Miss Bernard has long been connected with this firm as buyer and manager of the suit section, and her frequent eastern trips and yearly journey to Paris and European fashion centers are incidents of the greatest interest to the discriminating shoppers of Portland.

The precedence already gained by this store as the headquarters for the highest class of women's apparel is continually augmented by a careful study of fashion's latest whims and Miss Bernard's present trip is only one of the endeavors put forth to maintain its prestige.

After spending two weeks in New York city buying goods, she will sail by the North German Lloyd line in the mail steamer Kron, Friday, Frederick Wilhelm.

How a Cat Caught Two Rats.

From the Scotman.

I once had a cat who did a rather remarkable thing. I had a rather young rat on the eaves of a low flat stable roof, and caught one in the usual way. The other jumped on an elderberry tree just below.

Bob, however, sat satisfied with the one, stamped it firmly in his mouth, and then jumped headlong for the other. Either he was very lucky or extremely wary, for he fell to the ground with one rat still in his mouth and the other in his paws, and promptly killed them both.

The reason some men never get along is because they spend their lives trying to prove that Jack is greater than them.