

# Women's Clubs and their Work

Edited by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans

**G**ENEROSITY, on the part of the press, seems to be a valuable asset of the La Grande clubwomen in their work of arranging for the State Federation convention, which is to be held there next month. Almost every day the Evening Observer has some line of notice of the work as it progresses, and it isn't stuck off in some little insignificant corner, either. No, indeed! It gets a prominent place on the front page, with headlines that will make any clubwoman's heart beat with joy and expectancy. The following excerpts from a recent issue:

The Masonic hall on Adams avenue will be headquarters for the convention of the Federated clubs in this city November 19-22, according to a report read before the general arrangements committee at the called session at the home of Mrs. F. C. Ivanhoe this afternoon. Madames George T. Cochran and N. Mottor make up the sub-committee on hall. The report will be sent in to the state officials at once.

This announcement sets at rest the worry and speculations which the general committee and the club people have entertained since active preparations for the convention were opened. The selection is a splendid one, and, being centrally located, will prove convenient to visiting delegates and hostesses alike.

Punctuated at frequent intervals by the appearance of local clubwomen will be the general program for the Federated Women's clubs' state convention in this city November 19 and 20. As far as the program is concerned locally, it has been arranged in detail, and the accompanying parts cover only that part of the general program in which La Grande people are to participate. Following the acceptance of the committee report yesterday afternoon, it was arranged to Portland, where President Evans will arrange the program for the three days in its entirety.

Mayor M. Hill is the only member of the sterner sex who carries a part of the convention program. The following is the list of local people who will appear during convention hours, and their subjects:

Address of welcome in behalf of the town, Dr. M. K. Hall, mayor of La Grande.

Greetings of Federation in behalf of the Neighborhood and the Lytle Tuesday Musical clubs, Mrs. F. C. Ivanhoe. "Benefits Derived From a Woman's Club by a Mother," Mrs. E. C. Moore, second vice-president S. F. of W. C.

La Grande's musical talent will be called upon at frequent intervals. The music committee, headed by Mrs. F. C. Ivanhoe, has arranged a program at the meeting of the general and sub-committees at the home of Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe yesterday afternoon: Tuesday afternoon—Chorus, "Daffodils" (King Hall), the Lytle Tuesday Musical chorus. Wednesday afternoon—Vocal solo, "O Luce di Quest'Anima" (Donisetti), Miss Ada West. Wednesday evening—Piano solo, "Arabesque, Op. 61" (Chaminade), Mrs. W. W. Berry; vocal duet, "Barcarolle" (Chaminade), Miss Jean McDonald, and "Chorus, 'Barnaby Ranne' (Lizbeth) (Napoleon Zardo), Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

Mrs. Turner Oliver was one of those who reported, and representing the entertainment committee, she informed the meeting that the reception which has heretofore been held in the social apex of the season, will be held in the Masonic temple Tuesday evening, October 19.

**M**RS. AUGUSTUS SMITH, president of the Oswego Woman's club, seems determined to make this a banner year for the organization. The club has just started upon its fourth year's work with an earnestness and enthusiasm not common to village clubs and the regularity of attendance and its steady growth shows that the true club spirit rests and abides upon it.

The last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Schawper, who proved herself a delightful hostess by her cordial welcome and the delicious refreshments which were served at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. C. H. Pettus was in charge of the program. The club is to study French history this winter and her program was very appropriately "The French Revolution." A most interesting paper was given by Mrs. William Gray on the distinguished prisoners that had been incarcerated within its walls. Mrs. Page gave a synopsis of the contemporary events of the outbreak of the revolution and the effect the French revolution had upon the other nations. The previous lesson had been a comprehensive outline of the Bourbon dynasty and a study of the aristocracy was in progress.

The next meeting will be devoted to a study of the feudal system of government in France and England and the influence of Mrs. John Davis. The club meets at the home of the members the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month and a constitution that exacts service from each and every one of its members. It is a member of the state organization and will send a delegate to the state convention at La Grande next month.

**C**LUB loyalty is put to no better test than at the approach of a federation convention, but, sad to say, few view it with the proper realization of its responsibility, and fewer still accept it as an obligation. The convention is to the state just what the club is to the city. It is—or should be—an organization in the town for the benefit of the town, and it is only through the fall to be benefited by an organization of women who band themselves together for self-improvement, civic righteousness or philanthropy, and all clubs are one of the other. But who would ever expect to find membership in a club and expect two or three members to be sufficient to carry on the entire work of the organization, and who is more likely to appreciate it if it didn't mean a success of it and give you "your money's worth" out of it?

The state convention and its convention is in just this position. If through indifference, or some trifling excuse, which usually has its birth in laziness, the clubs of the state do not send their full quota of delegates they cannot expect to build up a strong state organization or keep step with any other state in the union. Nor should they be satisfied to send only delegates. Every clubwoman in the state should make an effort to be present. Of course all cannot go, but the effort was made by many more would be in attendance than there are.

These state conventions are not gotten up for the entertainment or instruction of the few, but that the whole state may be benefited and inspired to greater efforts. The following is a review of our state work that they have not wakened up to the necessity for more organization, and to admit that, argue oneself out of the ranks of progressive womanhood. At the Boston convention there were twice the number of clubwomen as delegates. A report from an eastern federation meeting recently the president wrote: "We had 17 delegates and over 100 clubwomen from other towns that were not delegates." A few states not many, have sent many more would be in attendance than there are.

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arrive she finds not half she expected there, would we feel no personal responsibility for her disappointment and mortification because we had allowed a little matter of expense or personal inconvenience to keep us away? The clubwoman who has a right to expect the guests that accepted it. As soon as we feel this personal responsibility, then and only then will our social meeting mean to the work the highest and best that is in organization.

**T**HE Beautiful America club of North Bend held its annual meeting at the Chamber of Commerce hall last Tuesday afternoon. It was the first meeting of the season, but there was a fair attendance. Reports showed that the club now has a surplus of about \$200, about \$100 being from the "Beautiful America" collection, which the club had in two months ago. It was decided to take up a course of study of flowers, shrubs and trees to enable the members to do more effectively in the annual election. The annual election resulted in the selection of the old officers for the ensuing year, the following: president, Mrs. J. W. Wainor; vice-president, Mrs. Brigham; secretary, Mrs. Burmister; treasurer, Mrs. L. J. Wainor. Mrs. Wainor has named the following ladies for the executive committee for the ensuing year: Mrs. Barzee, Mrs. Diers and Mrs. Williams.

The club at its meeting this week decided to complete the placing of signs designating the names of the streets to be put up. The signs are plan but they will be very beneficial. The club also discussed the possibility of most suitable for parking along the streets. The membership was about evenly divided on the matter, but at the next meeting, two weeks hence, which will be held in Taylor's hall.

**A** MEETING of the Neighborhood club of La Grande was held at the K. of P. hall yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock, and a large number of members answered to the roll call. Mrs. A. T. Hill, the retiring president, made a fine address to the club members. At the conclusion of Mrs. Hill's remarks, Mrs. Ivanhoe, the recently elected president, was introduced. Mrs. Ivanhoe gave some witty remarks as a preliminary to her induction into the presidential chair. Mrs. Polack took the secretary's chair, succeeding Mrs. Carpy, the retiring officer.

Mrs. P. Hill presided as hostess at the tables and was assisted by Messdames Carpy, Ingalls and Osburn. The tables were beautifully spread with tempting refreshments. The fore part of the meeting was occupied with a business session, at which the reports of committees were received, and the same were interesting throughout. At this meeting arrangements were put on foot for the coming convention of the Federated Women's Clubs of Oregon, which is to be held in La Grande on November 19, 20 and 21.

**T**HE Tuesday afternoon club met with Mrs. A. A. Bailey, 1516 Hawthorne avenue. Roll call was responded to by quotations from "Pride and Prejudice." Jane Austen was the subject of the day's study. Mrs. W. Whitman gave a brief sketch of the life of Jane Austen. Mrs. G. M. Gliner read several of Miss Austen's letters, also extracts from "Persuasion." Mrs. Merwin Pugh gave an able resume of "Persuasion." Mrs. William J. Amos read extracts from "Pride and Prejudice."

Mrs. W. J. Vincent was elected to membership and with Mrs. Berger previously elected, was introduced and given a cordial welcome. Mrs. H. W. Allen of Spokane, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Washington, was also present and gave an address on "The Development of Club Work in the Northwest." The next meeting will be with Mrs. G. Anthony Bateson, 88 1/2 Margin street.

**O**FFICERS of the Oregon federation consider themselves particularly fortunate in having secured the presence of Rev. Jeannette O. Ferris for the La Grande convention. Mrs. Ferris is a lecturer of marked ability, a reader of wide and favorable reputation, and with it all an enthusiastic clubwoman. She is particularly interested in civic and legislative work and her long years have been devoted to the legislative committee of the Michigan state federation. In writing of her, Mrs. Smith, president of Michigan, says: "The thorough, energetic way in which she is working for the improvement of our state is an important committee of which she is chairman (legislative) is proof that whatever she undertakes she will do well. For an afternoon address or entertainment or for an evening lecture for which her repertoire is full and varied, she cannot be too highly recommended."

During the convention Mrs. Ferris will give a series of lectures on "The Responsibility of Opportunity." The Dallas has just sent out its year book in the shape of a neat little folder, which on its eight pages shows a promise of an immense amount of work—quite out of proportion to its unpretentious announcement. This is a good place to state that one of the most promising signs of club life is discarding the elaborate gowns that used to be sent out for hours to be made, and setting them down to a working basis.

Societas meets on alternate Tuesdays, and held its first meeting on October 8, and will continue them until May 15. The club has five standing committees, viz., education, library, historical, park and civic with one study class. The program is a miscellaneous one and embraces many subjects along the lines of civics, history, literature, art, music and even to music and art. The club has 27 resident members and three non-resident.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Agnes C. Bradshaw; vice-president, Mrs. Virginia Williams; recording secretary, Mrs. C. C. Doder; corresponding secretary, Mrs. May Lay Logan; treasurer, Mrs. Annie Nell; director, Mrs. J. C. Jones; and secretary, Mrs. V. Douthett, Mrs. Sarah T. McAllister.

**O**NE of Portland's distinguished club visitors the past week was Mrs. W. H. Allington, chairman, president of the Washington state Federation, who has been visiting her friend and schoolmate, Mrs. Brown, of 1614 Thurman street. Mrs. Allen is en route home from the annual state convention that was held last week at Bellingham. During her stay in Portland Mrs. Allen has been visiting her friends and club members, and has been a most successful one. Mrs. Brown, who is the president of the Oregon Federation, was the first of the club to visit Mrs. Allen.

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Mrs. Brown, The Tuesday afternoon club and the Woman's club both had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Allen and listened to some inspiring remarks from her.

Mrs. Allen is an enthusiastic clubwoman and during her administration has succeeded in doing some splendid work for her state.

At the recent convention she scored on two or three occasions. The first was to establish a scholarship loan fund, to which several hundred dollars were subscribed on the spot; and the second was to be able to announce that the board of directors of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition had consented to erect a building on the fair grounds for the clubwomen of the state. They will have entire charge of it and intend to do some fine and craft work done by Washington women, and at the close of the exposition it is to remain permanently on the grounds for the use of clubhouses for girl students. A president of the federation Mrs. Allen will of course be the ruling spirit and all the work will be done in her stay in Portland, well assured she will make a most charming and dignified hostess.

**TOM JOHNSON WILL CONTEST**

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 24.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson announced today that he would contest the result of the referendum vote by which the franchise under which the three-cent fare street car lines are operated was beaten according to the official returns.

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tion financially, socially or ambitiously, who will feel personally responsible for every woman she helps to vote into the club, and will realize that club membership is a privilege that should not be lightly voted away, who will have no personal hobbies to rest upon the club to the detriment of legitimate club work, or club interests; who will conserve the strength of the club for the day of need, and when that day comes will not disparte it by useless or arbitrary opposition; who will take the place in society allotted to every good woman, and enjoy the recreation every worker is entitled to, which includes the prettiest gowns she can afford to wear, and who will leave all this with wholesome humor that is irresistible when obstacles are to be overcome.

When we of the woman's clubs have developed all this we may be equal to the greater privilege, which the circumstance of residence has given Mrs. Decker, and then, indeed, will we begin that real development for we will be in fact as well as in theory, one country, one constitution, one destiny.

From the standpoint of the convention one would call her power personal magnetism, and probably attribute it to opportunity and a happy chance. This is, in part true, but the mass did not look deep enough to know that it was principally because in her was found the finest type of club development.

Not as a personality am I going to ask you to examine the woman Mrs. Decker, for no human being could afford to be thus analyzed; her pedestal would soon crumble and expose her feet of clay; but simply to say that she would make her the prototype of real club development.

Mrs. Decker was asked to sit in the councils of the nation came not from the wealthy and pampered class, but from the humble home of sturdy stock, and her position was not a position did not make her ashamed to bring onto the platform at the biennial convention an address that would place New England friends and relatives whose appearance indicated less of this world's goods than she possessed, but whose faces proclaimed the same strong, clean stock from which she sprang, which she in turn transmitted to her beautiful daughter.

With the most intense spirit of democracy toward clubwomen, it may be a surprise to learn that Mrs. Decker does not throw down the club bars to all women. Number was formerly the club cry. Quality has taken its place.

Not the quality of ancestry, of money, or education, or intellect, or even of purity but the qualification of responsibility—the conviction that club membership is an obligation to the public. This is the only real club-spirit and neither the woman that enters the club, nor the club that enters her with any other idea has touched the beginning of club development.

The oneness which the New England statesman demanded is undoubtedly being reached through the clubwomen of the land, and just as surely the greatest force today for the uplift of humanity is the club movement. It is the only purely altruistic organization of women in the world; it gives to every source of world betterment and yields an organization of 800,000 women without one paid officer to carry on its every business. It is to remain unselfish and go on to greater and greater usefulness, every club and every federation to show a moral responsibility regarding the membership lest these clean, pure motives slip from us.

"During the four years of Mrs. Decker's administration she kept her eye steadily fixed upon the legitimate objects of club work. There was no running after false goals, no ungrateful sympathetic support of all good work, but she opposed prostrating the energetic efforts of other organizations, which is a long stride from the day when the club was supposed to be the common carrier for everybody's business."

"With strong, determined purpose and coming in contact with the greatest leaders of the world, the club woman has never lost her enjoyment of the social side of life, or the pleasure to be gotten out of the very knowledge that she was with her always, even though in its place. This was made evident once at Boston, when she carried her board away from an elaborate social function that had been given for them, because the hour for the board meeting had arrived, and the feast had not been served on the appointed hour.

Club work has, however, been retarded as much by excessive seriousness as by want of earnestness. One of the most critical situations of our civil war were relieved by the humor of Abraham Lincoln, and the club movement unfolded a leaf in its development by the abundance of laughter brought into it by Mrs. Decker.

"And so in the last analysis we find the highest club development to come through women of strong clean impulses, who can reach the heights and yet stay heads with the multitude; who can give to her off-spring an inheritance of common-sense and of work; who can put the duties of life before the eternal round of society and card parties; who serve without expectation of compensation."

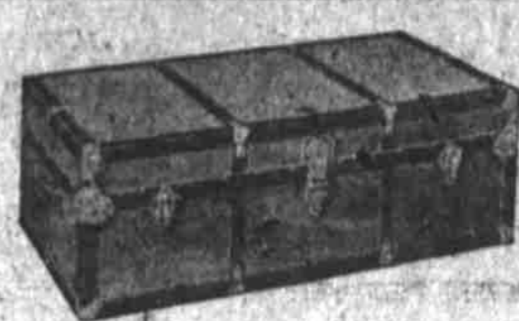
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