

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND THEIR WORK

Edited by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans

THE following letter has been received from the officials of the O. R. & N. railroad: "Referring to the state convention of Women's clubs to be held at La Grande November 10, 11, 12, which we have authorized a rate of a fare and a third on the certificate plan."

This settles the question that so many have asked, "What rates are we to get?" The regular fare to La Grande from Portland is \$3.10. In buying a ticket the delegate gets a ticket to La Grande, paying full price for it, but she must get a receipt, or certificate, for the fare, and the agent, by having this signed by the secretary of the convention, she will be entitled to a one third fare in returning. This would make the rate to the convention and return \$2.15.

The same rate will obtain from points south and east of Portland. It is important, however, that every one buying a ticket get her certificate from the home office, else she will not be able to obtain the rate in returning.

Delegates, officers, speakers and chairmen of standing committees will be entertained by the La Grande clubwomen, so the expense of the trip will not be nearly so much as was first feared.

THE FULL and official program of the annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, which opens at La Grande Tuesday, November 10, is given below:

Tuesday morning—Registration of delegates, call to order, invocation, America, welcome on behalf of city. Dr. M. K. Hall, mayor of La Grande; greeting of federation, from entertaining clubs, Mrs. J. F. Vanhook, response for federation, Mrs. J. W. Sadler, Woman's club, Aurora; report of credentials committee; reports of officers, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, auditor, general federation secretary; report of delegate to Boston biennial, Mrs. Kate Bingham.

Tuesday afternoon—Music, chorus, "Daffodils," King Hall, the Lytle Tuesday Musical club; address of nonclubwomen visitors; president's address; committee reports, (5 minutes each); discussion: "Art in the Home," Mrs. Alice Welster; discussion: "Scottish Reading," Rev. Jeannette O. Ferris; "How the Club May Benefit the Mother," Mrs. E. C. Moore; "The Responsibility of the Federation," led by Mrs. Frederick Egert; adjournment.

Tuesday evening—A reception will be tendered the convention in the Masonic temple by the entertaining clubs, Mrs. Turner Oliver, clubwomen.

Wednesday morning—Call to order; reading of minutes; unfinished business; reports of clubs, (5 minutes each); announcements; adjournment.

Wednesday afternoon—Conference of presidents; topics, (10 minutes each); Directory of Districts; Federation of Burroughs; "Club Amalgams," led by Mrs. E. E. Goff; "The Press in Relation to Club Work," by Mrs. E. E. Goff; questions and discussion; music, vocal solo, "O Luce di Quest'Anima," Donetti, Miss Ada West; an industrial hour, led by Mrs. C. C. Chapman; address, "What the Consumer Can Do to Improve the Industrial Conditions of Women and Children in Oregon," Mrs. C. C. Chapman; discussion, "The Responsibility of Opportunity," Rev. Jeannette O. Ferris; report of scholarship loan fund; discussion of citizenship, Mrs. E. M. Blumauer; adjournment.

Wednesday evening, First Baptist church; topics: Public health—Music, piano solo, "Arabesques, Op. 61," Chamblade, Mrs. W. W. Berry; vocal duet, "Barcarolle," Chamblade, Miss Jean McDougal and George Berry; vocal solo, "To-Night," Napoleon Zardo, Mrs. A. L. Richardson; "The Mission of the Visiting Nurse," Mrs. Millie R. Cumbull; "Public Sanitation," Dr. J. C. Smith, member state board of health; "What is Being Accomplished in the Fight Against Tuberculosis," (with stereoscopic views), Dr. Edward Allen Pierce, member state board of health and manager open air sanitarium.

Thursday morning—Call to order, America, minutes, unfinished business, continuation of president's report, resolutions, revision of constitution, report of the resolutions committee, new business, announcements, music, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"; adjournment.

WITH the annual convention of the Oregon Federation only a few days off, the following letter, recently issued by the executive board of the General Federation will be of special interest: "Federation—the most puissant, the most successful force in the world of the past or of the present, as it will be of the future! All great deeds have been accomplished by it, all mighty causes have been carried forward by it, all happiness, love and joy come from it. "Every nation is a federation. The family, the church, the school, the state—every organization of every kind, whether secret league, the business combination, the reform society, the propaganda, the patriotic society or the smallest and most unknown club, is a federation, and said indeed would be the lot of the man or woman whose life interest was not concerned with others. "If we pause and think of the meaning of this word to the world and to the individual, we can but experience surprise that we still hear the question, 'What is the benefit of federation?' Let us glance at what the Federation of Women's clubs has wrought for the individual woman in her various occupations and walks of life. "First for the mother: It is impossible to estimate the value of the child study in the club to the young mother. She has learned how to feed, how to train her children more scientifically; how to study their varying disposition; how to take the large common sense view, rather than the sentimental; how to give to the world well-poised, cheerful, useful men and women. For the mother whose children are at the education period, the club and the federation have given her the study and research which have kept her in touch with the students, so that the high school boy and the girl come to her with confidence and literature for the philosophy and science which give them renewed interest and belief in the potentiality of the mother; their lives are built more solidly on the principle that all good comes from the home. "To the middle-aged, whose children have left the home for the work of life, whose hands are empty, who would spend lonely hours and suffer heartaches, the club and the federation have brought interest in life, pleasure and enjoyment, and a more useful work and a healthier body and mind. So much and more has the federation done for the mother. "For the housekeeper it has brought the intelligent study of her work and her problems. It has shown her that the knowledge of hygiene, sanitation, food values, and the manifold interests of the family are of a science to be studied and not a drudgery to be avoided. It has shown her that fresh air, cheerfulness and intelligence are much to be desired in the home, and that she need not 'cumber herself with too much serving' in the little details. "To the teacher the club has brought a federation with the parent—the ideal relation. It has brought friendship, confidence and progress in all educational work and plans. The still stronger link, the next step which it is the desire of the present board of directors to carry out, is the united work of the women's colleges and the General Federation in the interests of the higher education. (Since this letter was written this hope has been realized.) "To the business and working woman the federation has brought an intelligent study of causes and results, and has not only of the workers themselves, but also of the thoughtful, sheltered women who are spending time and means and sympathetic interest to bring about betterment in training of

workers as well as to improve wages and conditions of living. "To the conservative woman federation brings the knowledge of the individual point of view, the best lesson ever learned; to the lonely woman it brings friends and fellowship; to the unhappy, useful work and forgetfulness of self; to the rich woman it has brought knowledge of the obligations entailed by her possessions; to the poor it has brought genuine help and uplift in multitudes of cases. "Besides all this, to the individual woman, it has brought a living interest, acquaintance and fellowship between the women of the various states of our land. No longer is the south unknown to the north, or the west to the east. No longer is the privilege of citizenship alone; the federation makes the interest the concern of all. "The meaning of federation? Seneca says: 'God divided man into men, that they might help each other.'"

TOMORROW morning the first contingent of delegates to the annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will leave for La Grande. As far as can be learned about 30 or 40 will be leaving on that train, and the others will follow on the evening train. The Portland clubwomen will be joined by the delegates from Roseburg, Eugene, Salem and other southern Oregon points, and like the proverbial snowball, that gathers mass as it goes, the delegation of the Oregon Federation will be the Dallas, Pendleton and other eastern Oregon points.

The most encouraging news comes from all over the state, and it is hoped and believed this will be one of the most largely attended conventions the state organization has held. The two entertaining clubs—The Neighborhood and the Lytle Musical—have been untiring in their efforts to do their part toward making the affair a success, and the latest news states that the last touches have been given to every detail and the good women of La Grande are waiting, ready with a hearty welcome to the clubwomen of the state.

FINAL reports of the many general and sub-committees of the Tuesday Musical and Neighborhood clubs will be read next Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the Neighborhood club at the home of Mrs. J. M. Berry. At that time final plans for the entertainment of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs which meet here in annual convention November 10, to 12, inclusive, will be perfected. It is a matter of deep importance that all members of the two clubs attend, as the matters to be discussed are of vital importance. The meeting is especially when the convention will convene and the plans need speedy perfection. Much interest is being manifested by the clubwomen of the state in the convention of the Federated Women's clubs, to be held here early in November. The Tuesday Musical club will render the music during the session and is practicing faithfully toward that end. Another practice meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn. The ladies of the Neighborhood and the Tuesday Musical clubs will entertain the delegates during their stay here—La Grande Observer.

THE Oregon Woman's Press club held the first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Julia La Barre last Wednesday evening and a most inspiring meeting it was. Mrs. Addition, the president, was a state delegate to the biennial convention of the general federation that was held at Boston last June. The first number on the program was her report of the convention. Mrs. Addition was an appreciative delegate and being in warm sympathy with organized work, her report of the great convention was full, instructive and entertaining. Mrs. Colby took an active part in many of the demonstrations and carried the banner through the streets of London on the occasion of the great parade, which has gone down into history as one of the greatest demonstrations the world has ever seen. During her stay abroad Mrs. Colby spoke on the subject of suffrage in England, France, Scotland, Ireland and Holland. She reports that the suffragettes are now working to defeat the Liberals, whom they were largely instrumental in putting into power, because once in power they have not kept their promises to the women.

MRS. TILLIE WEBER, president of the Aurora Woman's club, sends this fine report: "Early last year we took up Oregon history and later historical novels of Oregon. "The chief work of which the members feel gratified is our new home or clubroom. We leased part of a building for a term of years and remodeled it at quite an expense, but we are free from debt and feel like we are ready to accomplish something. "We have established a permanent library for the town. At present we have charge of the state library commission books. Our program for the year has been prepared, consisting of the study of George Elliott's life and works, also Thackeray and Austen. "We meet once a week, Wednesday, from 2:30 to 4 p. m. At present we have 17 members, but will increase the membership to 20 if we can get more women interested. Club work is new in this section. With greetings from our club."

LAST Tuesday we had occasion to call up an office on a matter of really important business; it was a matter that needed prompt and immediate attention. In fact, it was a case that not only entailed a loss of money, but a half day's delay meant several hours of agony and suspense to a human being. In piping tones the answer came back from the office girl, "Mr. Wright is not here and won't be till tomorrow morning; he had to go home to vote and won't be back today." "Is it a legal holiday?" I asked, "and if so, what are you doing there?" "Oh, you know, if there wasn't some one here to answer the phone and keep things going we would be in an awful condition in the morning, and of course the men all had to go home to vote, and some of them live so far out."

We hung up the receiver and meditated upon the heinous crime it would have been if any of the wives of these men had let the beefsteak burn while she ran a half block from home to drop in her little expression of opinion. Surely, there is great force in the argument that women would neglect their homes if they were given the privilege of voting. Because the men have a half holiday from business, there is just that much more reason why women should stay at home and have things particularly nice and comfortable and an early

dinner so her lord and master won't be late getting down town to hear the returns.

EVERY party in Finland has sent some women to parliament as the outcome of the recent election. The Old Finns elected 54 members, of whom six are women; the Young Finns, 27 members, two of them women; the Swedish party 25, three of them women; the Social Democrats 22, 13 of them women, and the Agrarian party nine, one of them a woman. There were 19 women in the last parliament of Finland; in the new parliament there are 25. Nine of these are married, while 16 are single women or widows. One is the wife of a doctor, one the wife of a clergyman, six are school teachers, two editors of women's papers, one a factory inspector, two are dressmakers, one the wife of a workman, four are organizers and speakers for different political parties, two are the wives of sea-captains, and one is a doctor of philosophy.

MRS. WILLIAM F. AMOS entertained the Tuesday Afternoon club on November 2. Roll call was responded to by quotations from "Pickwick." "Charles Dickens" was the subject of the day's study. The following program was rendered: A critical sketch of "Pickwick Papers" and reading therefrom given by Mrs. A. A. Bailey. Mrs. Jackson gave a paper, telling of the life and personality of Dickens. Mrs. Miles gave a carefully prepared study of "David Copperfield." An excellent critical review of "David Copperfield" was given by Mrs. Fugh. Mrs. H. L. Vorse read the first chapter from "David Copperfield."

WHEN the State Federation of Women's clubs convenes in this city next Tuesday—one week from today—the subsequent sessions that will bring out instructive papers, interesting musical numbers and addresses of learned clubwomen, will not confine admission to clubwomen alone. Any lady in the city—and gentleman, too—will receive a warm reception at the hands of the entertaining clubs of this city, and the delegates from other clubs of the state. The instructive features of the convention should be heard by as many as possible. Special stress is always given the instruction of nonclubwomen and the same thing is true in La Grande this time.

Nonclubwomen are oftentimes unaware of the scope of the work done by the Oregon Federated clubs. A most exhaustive yet concentrated review of what the club women are doing is being given by the present incumbent of the president's office, who will be in La Grande next week, and who in Boston last June made the following report from Oregon to the ninth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs: "Madam President and Members of the Convention—The Oregon federation membership of about 1,800. Our standing committees correspond with the standing committees of the General Federation of Women's clubs, though we do not attempt aggressive work along all these lines. Our greatest achievement this year was securing an appropriation of \$120,000 for a home for the feeble-minded, for which we had been working for several years. "In cooperation with the Retail Grocers' association we secured a state pure food bill which conforms in every particular with the national bill. The energy of our pure food committee has been devoted to securing personal market inspection for every town in the state where there is a woman's club. We did active work in securing the 10-hour law for women, which has made Oregon famous, and as clubwomen we here return thanks to Justice Brewer for the decision that affects all women workers throughout the land. "We always maintain federation headquarters at the Chautauquas of the state, and have many classes studying along different lines of club work with some able leader brought to us for the purpose. This year we are to have Miss Clark of Missouri, chairman of our national civil service committee. "We established an educational loan fund last year over a year ago, and at present we have \$700 loaned to five young women who would otherwise have had to leave college years. "Our individual club work is splendid and includes every branch of club activities, and much outside of the beaten path. One club of girls in their teens carried 700 bouquets to the hospital in the three summer months. Another small club paid for expert treatment for a cripple boy. Another club helped financially 125 persons, visited 356 sick people and distributed 1,212 garments in one year. Another club maintains a neighborhood house for free kindergarten, domestic science, manual training and many other things. "Federation in Oregon have been slow of growth, but a visit from our national president, Mrs. Decker, last year, gave it an impetus from which we are still feeling the good effects, and we hope during the next two years many of our clubs will become members of the general federation. The circulation of the "Federation Bulletin" has increased, I think, and it is valued by all who take it. "The bureau of information has been of invaluable help in building up our federation, and I bring many thanks from many Oregon clubwomen for the generous and courteous treatment they have received from Mrs. Wood. "For the first time in its history the hall of representatives of our state capital was thrown open for a convention and loaned for the annual meeting of the Oregon federation this year. The hall was crowded at every meeting, with eager, earnest clubwomen, and a large audience of men and women greeted Enos Mills when he pleaded so earnestly for the preservation of our Oregon forests. The evening reception in the same place was as brilliant as it was unusual, and we were all inspired with the feeling that the Oregon clubwomen had had a glimpse of poetic justice and our session in the house of the lawmakers of the state was a portent of the future."

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