Women's Clubs and Their Work

Edited by Mrs. Sarah A. Evans

MR. FOLTZ, an office holder in the United States treasury department at Washington, has recently written a most interesting book entitled "The Federal Civil Service as a Career." In the chapter on women in government service he has some very interesting things to say, from which both men and women can draw their own conclusions. He says: "The history of the executive service shows that women have held positions under the government for many years, but it is only in comparatively recent years that their numbers have been of any consequence. Not until the establishment of the civil service system were women appointed in any considerable numbers, inasmuch as the nature of conditions prior to that was not favorable to their recognition as public servants, the positions going to men as party spoil. No doubt they would have gone to women in the same measure had women enjoyed the elective franchise and played a part in the country's political history.

"Women were not slow to take advantage of the opportunities created by the promulgation of the civil service law in 1883, and their endeavors to secure federal places have increased rather than diminished since that time. Unlike men, their efforts are confined almost wholly to securing appointment through competitive examination, inasmuch as political appointments are still closed to them. * * * Women make a considerably better showing in examinations.

"Taking the stenographer-typewriter examination as an index, an examination that is conceded to be the most difficult clerical examination offered by the civil service commission, recent statistics show that of the women taking the examination 50 per cent passed, while but 47 per cent of men were so fortunate. In the examination for departmental clerk, 74 per cent of women passed and but 50 per cent of the men. These figures are more eloquent than pages of words in commendation of woman's mental equipment for the examination room. * * * Women are much harder working than men, due to the fact that they stand in greater fear of losing their positions, realizing that the handicap of sex militates against them. A woman will work to the uttermost limit of endurance if she thinks her position depends upon it, whereas a man is inclined to take his time and act somewhat independently.

"As to the quality of work performed by women office holders there is no doubt that it is in every way on a par with that performed by men, in many instances superior. Administrative heads have only words of praise for their women assistants, words that are sincere and based on efficiency.

"While it is true that women members of an office staff will often engage in small talk during official hours it is seldom they designedly evade their duties or neglect their work as is sometimes the case with men. * * * It is a rare thing, something almost unknown for a woman to use her official position for mercenary ends. The accusation of a woman for malfeasance in office is next to unknown, only a few instances in the entire history of the American government being on record."

Mr. Foltz concludes his chapter with some excellent observations and facts regarding the social status of office holding women and the wives of office holding men, which might all be summed up in the one sentence: "Her prestige is measured by the size of her salary."

The entire book is well worth the time of any woman to read.

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THE art department has closed its second year. It has reason to be congratulated in having Mrs. Weister for chairman. The scope of the work has constantly improved and enlarged and Mrs. Weister has more splendid plans for the next year.

The last meeing for this year was a stereoptican lecture on M. Angelo, given in the public library. There was a large attendance and the interest was intense. The first thing on the program was to detach the mind of the audience from present interests, rose carnivals and elections, new hats, etc., and push them all back to the closing years of the fifteenth century. Before America was discovered, to the time when Savonarola was at the height of his power, and Leonardo was painting his last supper. With delight we all wandered around beautiful Florence looking upon the architectural beauties that had greeted the eyes of M. Angelo in his boyhood. Next there appeared on the screen a group of portraits, M. Angelo and those who most influenced him. Vittoria Colonna's was a beautiful picture, and Mrs. Weister seemed to think the audience should clap at the sight of the woman whose friendship for M. Angelo was so full of pathos and sentiment. "There is nothing quite like it in all the history of friendships," she said. M. Angelo was the heir of everybody and the pupil of nobody, the last of his race, the most lonely figure in the whole history of the Renaissance, of which he was the logical culmination. One masterpiece after another followed on the screen, while Mrs. Weister explained why M. Angelo preferred the nude figure.

Then came the tragedy of the tomb with the Moses, followed by the paintings in the Sistine chapel. It was unfolded to the audience why the world could no more employ M. Angelo than they could understand him. The Christian world demanded that he paint subjects which should incarnate the fear of the humble and the self sacrifice of the patient, when humility and patience were unknown to M. Angelo or any other great man. But his figures could and did express manliness, robustness, effectiveness, the fulfillment of our dream of a great soul inhabiting a beautiful body. He creates the type of man best fitted to subdue and control the earth, and who knows what more? Mrs. Weister seemed to think the tonic effect of M. Angelo's creations on those who admire simpering prettiness should be healthful and curative.

There was a unanimous feeling among all present that this closing lecture of the series was the very best of the entire Renaissance.

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IF ANYBODY could imagine a more absurd, egotistical, asinine and wholly ridiculous performance than a "Husband Show," it has not been discovered, and if anything could make it worse than the thing itself is, it should be to give it for the purpose of "hitting back at the suffragettes." But such was the performance of " a bevy of prominent Spokane young married men," and reported by them, with great eclat, to the Associated Press. It was farther reported that: "Each had been instructed to bring her husband to the exhibit, after first taking the precaution to see that the male member of the family was so attired as to make the best appearance. The men were put through stunts to test their proficiency in the performance of domestic duties and the prizes were awarded in each test." Modesty, perhaps, restrained these woman from giving to the public the nature of the domestic stunts these effeminate husbands were made to perform, and it was certainly unnecessary to label this performance the product of anti-suffragettes, for it is they only who desire to pull men down to the small level of their own frivolity, rather than raising themselves to the dignity and equality of their husband; and right well this group of young Spokane women have done it; nor would a suffragist throw her husband into the limelight of ridicule. But these women should not be too severely criticised for they are still in the cocoon of their own blind selfishness, but the wonder of it is that 12 men having arrived at marriageable age and presumably Americans would allow themselves to be primped, "taken," put through stunts (?) and exhibited for the sake of winning their wives a prize—perhaps a little glass dish so dear to the female prize winner.

How small, mean and contemptible it must have looked to him the next morning, when she was getting the little prize winner ready to go to work, for the account clearly makes these women the care-takers of their husbands. Hitting back at the suffragettes by such a performance as this! Like the croaking of the raven we can hear the refrain: "Votes for women! Votes for women!" and in imagination see earnest, noble women go into the very jaws of death for the principles they advocate. Imagine Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton or Abigail Scott Dunfway engaged in such a performance as a "Husband Show." These are the women that have advocated the priciples of equality, whose lives have meant something to the world, who would not break down society, but would construct it upon liberty, righteousness and truth; who would give the wage-earning woman an equal right to earn her daily bread, who believed in the economic independence of woman, and found that independence in raising honorable men and women, who were a credit to their motherhood. Equality is all the suffragettes have ever asked. These Spokane women who can make their husbands into such guys, makes one fear the pendulum is swinging back. A thousand years or so ago matriarchy ruled, the man was the chattel of the woman; in time the situation was reversed, and then society began to settle to a more just and equitable center. Suffragists have been trying for a century to bring the pendulum plumb. They have done it in society, education, religion and all save politics. But here comes women, professedly to strike at these adjusters of social conditions, and give the pendulum a tremendous jolt back toward matriarchy, by dressing up their husbands, taking them out and making them do prize winning stunts, and domestic stunts at that.

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PREPARATION for the Northwest General Conference of the Young Woman's Christian Association go rapidly forward. This year Long Beach, Wash., has been chosen as the meeting place, and the Breakers will be headquarters. The conference opens June 18, and closes the evening of the 28th. Among the speakers present will be Rev. Professor James Denney of the United Free Church college of Glasgow, Scotland, who will preach the opening sermon. Another speaker will be Rev. Andrew Gillies D. D., of the Henepin Avenue Methodist church of Minneapolis, who will give a series of four addresses. Bishop Scadding will preach on the last Sunday. The mission interests will be represented by Mr. Bruce Kinney, and Mrs. Burton St. John of thme Tientsin school, China.

All the classes are under able leaders, with subjects that offer a most tempting feats for the entire session. The afternoons will be free for recreation, and no more enjoyable way could be offered to spend a vacation at very moderate cost.

Railroad and hotel rates have been made, which may be learned by addressing Miss Delta Watson, 792 Marshall street, Portland.

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THE forty-first annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association will be held in Seattle, Wash., July 1 to 7 inclusive. During that week Woman's day will be observed at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in compliment to the convention.

The convention will be held in Plymouth church, and the headquarters will be at the world famed Hotel Lincoln. Washington is the center of special interest to woman suffragists just now because a measure providing for full woman suffrage will be presented to the voters at the regular election in November, 1910.

From Chicago the delegates and visitors to the Seattle convention will go on a special train over the Burlington route and Northern Pacific railroad. There will be an observation car and back platform speeches will be made en route. This will be the first time the American woman suffragists have employed political methods in a trip to a national convention.

At Spokane and other places special entertainment in the way of dinners, sightseeing tours, etc., will be extended to the party.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, Professor Frances Squire Potter and other distinguished speakers will take part in the Seattle meeting.

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IT NOW appears that the plan of having Oregon's federation of women's clubs thoroughly organized, to take charge of the social part of this state's interests at the Seattle fair, will have to be abandoned through the belligerent attitude of the commission toward the federation. Some of the women who were not club members started the dissension, then politics crept in and the old exposition frequenters who were left out of the selection of representatives had their say. It is to be regretted, too, for the plan as first proposed would have advanced the interests of the state as each section of the state in turn would have been the host to entertain visitors.—McMinnville Telephone-Register.

This is certainly true, except regarding the women who were not club members. There are always a few disloyal members in every organization, and women's clubs are no exception. These are the women who go around with a chip on their shoulder, who accomplish nothing themselves, and are so jealous when others do, they imagine it a stab at their own little chips, and don't always preserve their own integrity in trying to do others harm. As C. F. Swigert most truthfully said in a recent letter regarding the trouble at Seattle, "they keep their eye on the fly on the barn door instead of on the barn door itself." They are the deluded few that try to climb by pulling others down and usually get such a bump they don't know what struck them. These few disgruntled "politicians" within the ranks—if there are any—may have slipped honey by distilling poison, but they had not a feather's weight of influence in determining the commissioners to insult the great body of clubwomen of the state who is standing loyally together on this subject.

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MRS. Elizabeth Smith Miller of Geneva, N. Y., has just presented a beautiful portrait of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell to the Elizabeth Blackwell house. This is the dormitory for girls at William Smith college, the new college for girls affiliated with Hobart college, where Elizabeth Blackwell, the first regularly graduated woman physician, took her medical diploma 60 years ago. At the unveiling of the portrait last week, addresses were made by President Stewardson of Hobart, Miss Anne Fitzhugh Miller and Miss Alice Stone Blackwell. There were songs by the college girls, and the parlors or the Elizabeth Blackwell house were tastefully decorated with flowers. The tribute was a delightful example of poetic justice, for Geneva society ostracized the young woman doctor when she came there to study, more than half a century back. The college, however, admitted her when more than a dozen other medical schools had refused her, and both students and faculty treated her with a kindness for which she has always been grateful. Dr. Blackwell is still living in Hastings, England, at the age of 88. There are now more than 7000 women practicing in the United States.

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DR. Louise Martindale, a factory inspector in Ireland, will be one of the speakers at the meeting of the international council of women in Toronto. She had to ask the British government for leave to speak at Toronto. This has been granted, and by request Miss Martindale will deal especially with the problem of "The Child in Industries."

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AFTER a most successful year the Woman's club of Forest Grove finished its work by electing the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Charles Hines; vice-president, Mrs. A. B. Todd; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Farnham; recording secretary, Miss Minnie Myers; treasurer, Mrs. Carroll; executive board, Mrs. S. H. Hunter an Mrs. E. W. Hains. The Forest Grove club will be hostess of the state federation in October.

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THE Woman's club of Hood River held its last regular meeting for the year Wednesday, May 26. Yearly reports were read and the brief outline work of the year given by our retiring president, Mrs. Goff, was listened to with great interest and attention. Installation of the new officers then followed. Response and words of welcome were given by our new president, Mrs. Batchelder. Miss McLaren presented to the club an outline of the next year's work which was heartily indorsed by the ladies present.

This closes our first year's work under the competent leadership of Mrs. E. E. Goff to whom the club owes much of its success and great credit is due to the faithful and efficient committees who so well carried out the plans for the improvement of the courthouse grounds. A lawn with flowers and graveled walks has transformed the unsightly appearance to a thing of beauty. Also many improvements have been made at the cemetery, including a thrifty hedge which now surrounds the grounds.

We have on hand $264 for our public library and hope to add a neat little sum from the proceeds of the strawberry festival and excursion from Portland the 18 instant.

We will take up the work again in September with renewed energy and firmness of purpose to make the Woman's club a power for good in Hood River.

SOCIETY

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and Miss Mata Kappel were united in marriage by the Rev. J. J. Staub of the Sunnyside Congregational church.

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Arthur C. Turner and Miss Henrietta Olson, were married in the reception room of the White Temple, Saturday noon by Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher.

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Miss Myrtle Pugh and Roy Burton were married at the former's home, 823 East Ninth street north, by the Rev. John Dawson. They will make their home at 473½ Failing street.

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E. W. Rhodes of Seattle and Mrs. Hettie May Coots of Tacoma were married at the reception room of the White Temple, Monday evening, June 7, 1909, by Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher.

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D. W. Smith of Aumsville, Or., and Mrs. Lilah Hamilton were married Wednesday evening, in the reception room of the White Temple by Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher.

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Walter W. Heimback and Miss Elizabeth R. Hoye were married Thursday afternoon, June 10, at 201 Eleventh street, by Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher.

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Albert Horger and Miss Jennie Clark were married Saturday evening at the White Temple by Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Raffety announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Ethel Marion Allen, to John A. Gravley. The wedding will take place Wednesday, June 23.

COMING EVENTS

The New York society of Oregon will hold its regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Flynn, 403 Fourth street, corner of Harrison, Wednesday evening. An entertaining program has been arranged and light refreshments will be served. All New Yorkers, either visitors or residents of the city or state, are cordially invited.

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Members of Geo. Wright Relief Corps Sewing society will meet at the home of Mrs. M. M. Greene, 529 Johnson street, Wednesday. A large attendance is requested, as the present plans are to be changed for the remainder of the year. Take Sixteenth or S cars north.

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The Daughters of the Confederacy will be entertained next Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Barras at her home, 655 Irving street. It will be an afternoon with Father Ryan. All southerners are cordially invited.

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The Ladies Auxiliary, division No. 2 will entertain their friends with cards and a dance Monday evening in Woodman hall, Eleventh and Alder streets.

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Misses Fay Hewitt and Genevieve Coffey have issued invitations for a dancing party to be given at Irvington clubhouse Friday.

MUSIC ITEMS

Mrs. Alice Brown Marshall's piano students gave a recital last Friday evening at Steinway hall, assisted by Miss Brown, at the close of which an address was made by Dr. H. W. Foulkes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. He commended the students for the high quality of the work of the evening, and congratulated them on having a teacher of such excellence. In behalf of Mrs. Marshall he presented Mrs. Nannie Duff Silva and Miss Edith Olds with Sherwood club pins for faithful work and regular attendance during the year. Musical genius and success, he said, comes from hard, faithful work, and cited William H. Sherwood as an example of one who had risen to the highest place among the world's musicians through hard work.

Miss Brown sang two numbers with fine effect. The two piano numbers by Mrs. Marshall and Miss Silva were of special interest and excellently rendered. The others who took part were Louise Teesdale, Marian Reed, Ella Stockton, Miss Olds, Miss Nellie Hart and Mrs. Silva.

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An interesting entertainment was given last week by the South Mount Tabor Mothers' and Teachers' club. The musical part of the program was under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Kimball Palmer. Among the principal features of the evening were: Readings from Miss Gillespie's School of Oratory; vocal solos by Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. George Hutchinson, Miss Dorothy Lewis and Mr. Jones and piano numbers by Miss Emma Stillwell, Mrs. Palmer and little Pearl Vore, the 7-year-old pianiste from Miss Grace Wilton's school.

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Mrs. Lotta Ashby Othick, solo soprano of the First Presbyterian church of Seattle, and Mrs. H. W. Roberts, a musician of Tacoma, spent the week here as guests of Mrs. Alice Samuels Chamberlain.

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Miss Kathleen Lawler has cards out for a matinee musicale at Ellers hall next Wednesday afternoon, at which several pupils will be presented in song recital.

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Miss Leonora Fisher, who has spent the past two weeks in New York, is expected home Monday to spend the summer with her parents. Her plans for next year are indefinite.

PERSONAL

Mrs. James R. Forden and daughter Juliet have arrived from Walla Walla to spend the summer with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nottingham and family. Mr. Forden last year had charge of the shopwork in the Washington High school of this city. He will also spend the summer in Portland, after which he will go to the State Normal school at Cheney, Wash., to direct the department of manual training for men.

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Dr. and Mrs. Harry T. Morris of Creston, Neb., are visiting friends in Richmond. The doctor and his family have been making a tour of the states, touching at many points of interest and reached Portland just in time to enjoy the unique festivities of the Rose Festival.

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At the department convention of W. R. C. at Corvallis June 2 to 4, Mrs. Mary E. Chamberlin was elected department president; Della G. Mickley, department treasurer, and Helen N. Packard chosen department secretary, all of George Wright relief corps No. 2, Portland.

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Mrs. I. Geballe and daughter, Selma, from San Francisco are visiting Mrs. H. Gerson and family at their residence, 252 Thirteenth street. At home Thursday.

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Miss Cecilia Pechner of San Francisco is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. H. H. Holzman, 491 Davis street. They will be at home Wednesday afternoon.

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Honorable A. R. Joy went to Seattle Saturday in the interest of a case pending in the courts there. He will visit the A.-Y.-P. fair while in the city.

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Mrs. C. F. Alderson of Spokane spent festival week in Portland with her friend Mrs. E. H. White.

A Clergyman Who Refuses Fees.

From the Utica Press.

The Rev. Norman O. Hutton, who recently accepted the pastorate of a Chicago church, in his first sermon announced that he would take no money from any family in his congregation for his attendance at a baptism, burial, wedding, or any other special service for which it is usual for a minister to receive a fee. "The money somehow robs the ceremony of its beauty and dignity. The parish pays the rector for his time, and I believe that he should give it freely." That is a liberal proposition, but if generally adopted many rural clergymen would be forced to strict economy in household expenses. Still, the principle is right. The church pays the clergyman a salary for his time, and it ought to be large enough so that he will not be compelled to take fees or tips from his parishioners for any ministerial services they may require.

Confessing to Her Father.

From the Chicago Record-Herald

"Do you belong to any church?" asked the girl's father.

"No," replied the young man. "I will say frankly that I do not."

"Why? Are you an atheist?"

"I am not an atheist; no, but I presume I might be called an agnostic."

"What about your politics?"

"I am compelled to say that I am not a partisan. I consider politics so thoroughly rotten all around that I have never been in the least inclined to mix in. I know there is a general opinion that decent men ought to interest themselves in politics for the purpose of nullifying the influence of the thugs and grafters, but the case is hopeless. It is a mere waste of time to do anything from the outside. The crook and blackleg in politics must be permitted to run their course. Occasionally they get so thoroughly reckless that things are done which cause the public to rise up indignantly and clean house. The periodical awakenings are the only things we may hope to look forward to for beneficial effects. Things are fairly decent for a while after each of them, but gradually the thieves and plug-uglies slip back in, and matters go on as they did before in spite of all the efforts of the reformers. What's the use?"

"Hem. Have you any radical preferences or inclinations? That is, are you convinced of the superiority of the English or the Germans or the Irish or the Scotch or the French or any of the rest of them?"

"No, I am not. Why should anyone have any such prejudice? We all come of the same original stock. Let us suppose that a man with a large family moves from New Jeresy to Indiana. From Indiana one of his sons moves to Kansas, another to Nebraska and another to Wisconsin. What a foolish thing it would be for the descendants of these sons, in future years, to wrangle among themselves over the superiority of the Kanas or Nebraska or Wisconsin branch of the family."

"Yes," the girl's father thoughtfully replied, "I suppose it would be foolish—more or less. What's your favorite baseball team?"

"I haven't any. Of all the foolish things in the world I consider baseball partisanship the most foolish. How anyone with ordinary intelligence can become concerned over the fortunes of an aggregation of fellows who are hired to travel around the country giving exhibitions of their skill in catching and knocking a ball is more than I am able to understand. What does it matter to you or me which club wins the pennant? Is any honor reflected on us if the team which has been hired to represent our city during the present season happens to be a little stronger than any of the rest? I never pay any attention to the scores, and I don't know which clubs are in the lead."

"Well, that'll be plenty from you. I might be able to respect a man who had no religious belief; I could excuse a man for not caring to mingle with politicans; I could forgive you for not thinking the Americans the greatest people on earth as long as you didn't think any other people were greater—but if you haven't enough red blood in you to be able to even get up and yell for the home team, I don't want you mixing into my family. You can't have her. Why if Elsie knew I had encouraged you after what you've confessed, she'd despise me till the day of my death. Go sir, and if you have a prejudice of any kind, for heaven sake, coddle it. You may be able to use it some time in place of a belief."

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