

Women's Clubs and Their Work

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FRIDAY closed the date when application could be made for membership in the General Federation, before the Cincinnati biennial convention. The last biennial being held in Boston, the very heart and center of clubdom, there was an unusual activity among individual clubs to affiliate themselves with the national body, that they might, thereby, get individual representation at the convention. In the two years, which forms the one administration, exactly 300 individual clubs joined the national organization, which was the largest number in its history. This term the number has gone somewhat above 250, but several are pending and the exact number cannot be determined at this time. It is pleasing to note, however, that among this new acquisition are to be found three Oregon clubs, viz. the Fortnightly of Eugene, Woman's club of Hood River and Work and Win of Ontario. Before these three joined there were but three in the entire state that were members of the General Federation.

To the uninitiated, this may not seem to be a fact worthy of note, but to those with their finger on the club pulse, it is wonderfully significant. It means a great awakening to the benefits of federation, a realization that greater and broader organization is necessary to the development of women's work, and it means that these clubs are striking their roots deeper and deeper into the vital forces of life, and into those things that make the world better for their having tarried in it for awhile.

It is hoped that every club in the state that is a member of the General Federation and every delegate that was elected to represent the state federation will be able to attend the Cincinnati convention, for if they do there will be a club awakening that will set the dead bones to rattling.

IN the original plan of work of the Woman's Christian Temperance union way back in the '70's, the seventh section reads: "To enlist the press." Thus early in the movement did the leaders realize the truth of the title saying "the pen is mightier than the sword."

In 1877 a standing press committee was put on, with Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens as chairman. The motto of the department is "The Lord gave the word and the women who publish it are the great host." The department has been a most potent factor for good in the development of the work in all its varied lines, and has also developed scores of pen-women whose talent for journalism had not before been brought into active use, and today there are more than 3000 women in the United States alone who are enlisted in this work and receiving recognition as writers of ability. More than 1400 columns each week appear in the daily and weekly press edited by these pen-women.

Mrs. Louisa A. Nash was for many years the press superintendent of our state, and her work was of high character, for "fairly she hath a pen of a ready writer." Some of her poems are perfect classics. At the last state convention of the W. C. T. U. she won the prize offered for the best poem on "Our Tattered Banner," reference being to the worn out silk star spangled banner which for many years was the emblem of the organization.

Mrs. M. E. Hull of Eugene is now the state press superintendent, and, although not yet as widely known as some of the other pen-women of Oregon, her future is assured, as she is a writer of ability, strong and versatile. All she writes is



Mrs. M. E. Hull, W. C. T. U. State Superintendent of Press.

characterized by a spirit of progress and optimism. Mrs. Hull was in Portland this week as an official member of the state W. C. T. U. executive which meets here during the week. She will be the guest of Mrs. Addison, the founder and vice president of the woman's press club of Oregon, of which Mrs. Hull is a member.

ONE more day and success or failure will be spelled for the efforts of the Portland Woman's club in its endeavor to raise sufficient money to continue for a year, at least, the free bed at the Open Air sanitarium, which is now being so profitably employed in giving relief, and, the doctors assure the club, permanent health to a young woman, who, without its beneficent aid, would ere this have succumbed to the terrors of the great white plague. It is hardly conceivable that this benefit could be a failure, but if it should be the reproach would be upon the community and not upon the members who have worked so assiduously to make it a success. But why speculate upon the improbable and well nigh impossible, for the entertainment is bound to be a success, principally because the object is worthy, the women have worked hard, and the entertainment, even with nothing but the program to draw the crowd, will be more than worth the money.

Again it is quite worth a dollar to be able, some times, to buy real genuine home made candy, and that will be one of the attractions. Dozens of young women who are famous among their friends for the deliciousness of the confections they make, have offered donations of candy, and will be there themselves to pass it through the audience. At the time of going to press

the chairman of the ticket committee reported few unsold tickets, and since Friday the box office of the Bungalow theatre has been besieged by ticket purchasers, exchanging their tickets for reserved seats. This, if nothing else, is an indication that the benefit is going to prove a winner.

SPEAKING of the open meeting of the Wednesday afternoon club of Newberg, the Newberg Enterprise had the following to say:

"The ladies of the Wednesday club most royally entertained about 200 guests on Friday evening in Dunsmuir's hall, the acting hostesses being the president, Mrs. C. J. Edwards, Mrs. C. B. Wilson and Mrs. E. A. Elliot."

"The central feature of the evening was a lecture by Mrs. Janette O. Ferris which was delightfully entertaining and equally instructive."

"Scottish history, with a few choice selections from Burns, Scott, Barrie and MacLaren, was her theme."

"A Window in Thrums" caused us laughter enough to drive dyspepsia away, and also brought the thought that many characteristics of the humble Scotch housewife could be found in our own homes not so very long ago."

"The sturdy independent determination to keep up with those who have been possibly a trifle more successful socially than ourselves has certainly descended to us Americans from the Scotch."

"Our laughter had scarce time to subside before we were brought to tears by the pathos of 'The Mither's Sermon' in Barrie's 'Little Minister.' That picture touched all of us."

"In closing, Mrs. Ferris aptly quoted that epic of Bobby Burns which must always call forth a cheer from American manhood, 'A Man's a man for a' that.'"

"The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by Mrs. Ferris' rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne' with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Wilson."

"Miss Katharine Romig sang sweetly 'My Ain Folk.'"

"Miss Doris Gregory and L. W. Gatchell, with violin and cello, rendered Rubenstein's 'Melody in F' and 'Cavalleria Rusticana' with Miss Gardner as accompanist. Miss Gregory also rendered the following violin selections: 'Concerto' (Slats), 'Mennetto' (Gounod)."

"The ladies deserve much praise for the excellent taste shown in the artistic arrangement of decorations. One indeed completely forgot Dunsmuir's hall and fancied himself in cozy home parlors as he entered the room. Ferns, begonias and lilies, flowing draperies, oriental rugs, parlor chairs and settees made up the aspect."

"Light refreshments formed a pleasant close to the evening's festivities."

IN HER monthly letter for March, the president of the General Federation, Mrs. Philip Moore, says:

"As the time draws near when our department chairmen are considering their returns to you of work accomplished, and their recommendations for the future, I realize more and more how fine they are, how persistent, self-sacrificing as to time and effort, earnestly endeavoring to 'hitch up' truth to facts, in the words of Abe Mulkey, and plow down, never slackening until the entire field is broken up."

"I ask careful consideration for their sake, as well as for the work itself, of the blanks that are coming this month to every club in every state."

"It has been brought to my attention that loan scholarships are being urged

in many states, showing careful, thorough work in education. As far as I am informed, the use of a fund, with money being carried on in its states, five having also the award, by courtesy of appointment, of a number of high school and university scholarships."

"I shall consider it a favor if every state, having a loan fund of its own, or controlling the use of a fund, will send me exact facts and figures. I am frequently asked to refer others to states for data and shall be very glad to receive definite information."

"As we approach the biennial, requests have come that the attention of every club member should be drawn to the printed report, to be issued during the summer."

"It is possible, from past experience, a larger sum may be asked for the report. The fiction was exhausted, and more that the price was often paid in sending and in some cases returning consignments."

"I suggest that state presidents come advised as to the exact number of reports desired, that will be paid for; this in exclusion of the membership entirely free. If it is known that a larger number would be purchased the former price might suffice."

"Every word that comes from Cincinnati shows activity, interest and judgment, as to the best means of giving a beautiful setting to the tenth biennial."

"We shall look for a full quota of delegates from every club and state. Sincerely yours, EVA PERRY MOORE."

THE musical given by the Calbreath sisters, Helen and Evelyn, Monday evening at the opera house, under the auspices of the Civic Improvement club, was a delightful success.

The large audience was entranced from the first measure of the opening piece to the completion of the last number, and every one felt a thrill of local pride in these young and talented virtuosi who are products of "Old Yamhill."

As this was their first public appearance since returning from Berlin, where they studied under the best teachers for three years, it was a fine tribute to their home town to let their old friends know them to greet and hear them.

Their friends were pleased with the musical progress they have made while away.

They were compelled to respond after every selection, and cheerfully gave new selections from their extensive repertoire. The Kashmiri song, by Miss Helen, was one of the gems of the evening, and gave opportunity for the wonderful range of her voice, which is possessed of great volume and adaptability. Her instrumental work showed skill and ability, while her command and execution rank her with the best of our city.

The sweetness of her voice in her solo work was a pleasant surprise to the audience, who were not aware that she had added vocal culture to her other accomplishments. Her tones are clear and sweet, and what they lack in volume is atoned for in her distinctness of enunciation and compass. Her violin work was excellent, showing a lightness of touch and comprehension of handling that gives promise of a successful future.

The Civic Improvement club will give another entertainment on March 16. Mrs. H. Wyse Jones, the noted elocutionist, will give several readings.

MRS. MARTHA L. BARDON,
Press Committee.

NEW YORK clubwomen are working very hard in the interest of a national child labor bureau, and to further the work have sent to each state federation a set of resolutions, asking their endorsement, and that the approved resolution be sent to Mrs. John H. Judge, who intends, personally, to go to Washington to work for the establishment of this bureau.

The resolution is as follows: "Resolved, That the (name of state) favors the passage by congress at Washington of a bill to establish in the department of the Interior a bureau to be known as the 'Children's Bureau,' and earnestly request our congressmen and senators to vote for such a bill."

The circular further explains that the bureau is to provide a national means of getting reliable information and statistics throughout the United States of children employed in labor, the kind of labor, their ages, their physical condition, and all other conditions surrounding them. The information thus gathered will be authentic and will give us the truth about the children of the country, which we need, and which will be the basis for any future action. It is very important that this bureau should be established in Washington.

AT the annual meeting of the Portland club of Eugene the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. R. Sweetser; vice president, Mrs. M. Washburn; recording secretary, Mrs. L. R. Edmundson; corresponding secretary, W. P. Boynton; treasurer, Mrs. G. N. McLean; press committee, Mrs. Mary E. Stafford, Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. De Cou, the retiring president, has been untiring in her efforts to keep the club up to the high standard it has always set for itself, and by doing that has carried it forward to larger and even broader things. With always remain a crowning feature of her administration that in her closing days the club took on its larger growth, and became a member of the national organization.

In retiring, she leaves the club in most excellent hands, for Mrs. Sweetser is a woman of broad vision and wide experience in club work, and the club coming to her in its present prosperity, means much for our university city.

THE first election has just been held in Victoria, Australia, under the new law that gives women a vote for members of the state parliament. Of the women, more than 83 per cent voted; of the men, 64 per cent. Victoria had had an active suffrage association, which vehemently declared, before equal suffrage was granted, that women did not want the ballot, and would not use it if they had it.

THE management of the Hotel Sinton has agreed, during the meetings of the General Federation of Women's clubs in Cincinnati (May 11-18), to serve in ladies' dining room special breakfast menus at a fixed price (35 cents), and will serve at dinner in the evening a table d'hotel at one dollar per plate. The Sinton is conducted on the European plan.

THE BIENNIAL HOTEL COMMITTEE,
Nellie A. Betchel, Secretary.

Forest Grove to Celebrate.
Forest Grove, Or., March 12.—Patriotic citizens of this city are already planning for the coming celebration next July, and the national bird will scream louder and fly higher than ever before in the history of Washington county. The celebration will be held at the new fair grounds west of town. Amusement features of the day will include ball games, horse races, trap shooting, foot races and other games, and the principal event will be an aviation meet, if the present plans are carried out. Every effort will be made to have the "bird man" come to this city, and correspondence with that end in view has been started. Present men of the west will be engaged to deliver speeches, and the celebration will wind up with a display of fireworks that will rival Halley's comet.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

By Mrs. Neal B. Inman.
The week has been full of temperance activity in Portland. The state executive of the W. C. T. U. composed of the general officers and superintendents of departmental work with the state secretary of young people's branch met. Mrs. Wheeler is deeply loved by her young people and is a success in her line of work, she having enrolled over 100 of them in Multnomah county alone during the past month, and her methods of doing campaign work have attracted many of the brightest and best of Oregon's own. They enter enthusiastically into the arena so to speak, for a dry Oregon, learning campaign songs and yells, and in the meantime espousing with heart and brain that which will make their influence a power to be reckoned with for pure lives and safe homes in the future.

The annual sermon on Frances E. Willard's beautiful life will be preached this evening in the First Presbyterian church by Rev. W. H. Foulkes. This announcement should have the power to fill the church, but in addition to the feast Dr. Foulkes is preparing, there will be especially good music by the male quartette of the church, and perhaps a chorus or two. Then Mrs. Mallett, county president of the W. C. T. U., will sing the far famed and much loved song, "Victory," with her daughter accompanying at the piano, and her son will play cornet accompaniment. Miss Winkle Mallett, who took the prize at the musical and oratorical contest held at the close of the mid-year meeting Wednesday night, will sing a solo, "There's a Shadow on the Home."

The most important committee meeting of the state campaign temperance forces was held Thursday evening to the headquarters of the W. C. T. U. Every member except two of this representative body were in their places or, if out of town, their proxies were present. The object of the meeting was a gathering up of the best thoughts previously brought forward for the prohibition law soon to be handed out to the people. A sweet, tender influence manifested in marked degree stole over the men and women who stood with bowed heads while one of their number gave into the hands of Him who watcheth the sparrows fall, in a most comprehensive prayer, this law, which stands for right living, in the near future, of our own fair state.

"Lady Mine" Ashore.
Eureka, Cal., March 12.—The power boat, "Lady Mine," went ashore here this afternoon. Two men are reported to have been rescued by the United States life savers, while a third is still said to be aboard the vessel.

TO REVOLUTIONIZE HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Rosebery to Present Resolutions That Would Take Much Power From Peers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, March 12.—The set of three "revolutionary" resolutions which Lord Rosebery will present in the house of lords Monday, when he intends to launch his plan for the reformation of the lords, has set all England talking. Should the lords vote to carry out the resolutions they will be compelled to vote against themselves and their interests, according to prominent politicians.

The first resolution will point out that a strong second chamber is a necessity; the second will declare that such a second chamber is only obtainable by a reconstruction and reformation of the house of lords; the last will assert that possession of the peerage in itself should not give a lord the right to a seat and vote in the upper house of parliament.

15 FIREMEN ESCAPE DEATH IN HOTEL FIRE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, March 12.—Fifteen firemen had a narrow escape from death at 9 o'clock this morning when the burning six story Miner hotel completely collapsed and the fire fighters were caught. Luckily the ruins in falling struck the side of another building, this holding the blazing timbers some eight feet above the ground. Otherwise the men would have met certain death. The hotel was an old frame building, condemned a year ago and unoccupied. It was a veritable fire trap and its condemnation by the city probably prevented a disaster.

Trains Run Through Dayton Again.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Dayton, Wash., March 12.—Railroad communication out of Dayton was re-established Thursday when traffic was resumed on the O. R. & N. On account of washouts Dayton had been cut off from the outside world for a week. Traffic will not be resumed for several days longer on the Walla Walla-Stratford run, owing to bad washouts. Travel over the country roads is still tied up, and merchants here are advertising sales daily to attract people to town from the rural districts.

WALLA WALLA'S FIRE AUTO FAILS TO GIVE EXPECTED RESULTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., March 12.—Walla Walla's much heralded fire auto which has been in the central fire station for about two weeks, is a failure, according to outsiders. Even the department no longer comes to its defense with any great vigor.

From the time the machine first appeared in the streets and could travel, but three or four yards in the snow, until yesterday, when at a fire it stuck in the mud and had to be abandoned, it has never given a satisfactory run, in anything save an exhibition. Once the engine "froze" three times in as many blocks, once on the official test it stuck and the council committee had to walk home.

The consensus of opinion here is that horses are good enough for Walla Walla's fire department, and the auto may be returned to the Spaght company, of whom it was purchased.

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