

# Women's Clubs and Their Work

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SINCE the beginning of the movement for the conservation of our natural resources, the club women have been active workers in the field of conservation. Men of national reputation, realizing this, have eagerly sought their assistance, and always recognize the organization in every public work for conservation. It will be remembered that the General Federation of Women's Clubs was the only woman's organization recognized at that famous White House conference.

That club women are still desired in the deliberations of the nation on the work of conservation, is testified to by the following letter:

"St. Paul, Minn., July 22, 1910.—Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, President State Federation of Women's Clubs, Portland, Or.—Dear Madam: The second national conservation congress will be held in St. Paul, September 5 to 9 inclusive.

"Every indication points to a great meeting. The plan will be to agree upon definite measures for the development and use of our natural resources. The keynote of the congress will be practical work.

"Colonel Roosevelt and other men of national and international prominence have accepted invitations to address the congress.

"It is particularly important that the State Federation of Women's Clubs be represented at the congress. We greatly hope, therefore, that you can be present, and that you will also appoint five delegates for the Oregon State Federation.

"Since the time is short, please send the names and addresses of these delegates to Thomas R. Shipp, executive secretary, National Conservation Congress, St. Paul, Minn., at the earliest possible moment. Sincerely yours,

"B. N. BAKER, President of the Congress.

"ADOLPH O. EBERHART, Chairman, Board of Managers."

THE Portland Froebel association, which meets once a month, has for its object to further the best interests of children.

First. Through conference of parents and teachers on subjects pertaining to this end.

Second. Through the support of such enterprises helpful to all children, as shall be decided upon by the association.

Third. Through the maintenance of a library.

It has had as one of its vital interests, the establishing of kindergartens in the public schools, and has given much thought and actual work with this in view.

Has established kindergartens in different localities of the city, making possible later for the mothers' clubs in their localities to maintain same.

Has been and is working to have the state law revised to make it possible to have the kindergartens established where the board of education would have the

authority to do so, instead of as now, submitting it to the voters.

If this were the law, Portland would have the kindergartens, as the present board of education is favorable, just as it has its trades school, domestic science and other special lines.

The kindergarten solves the child and develops him along correct lines to be an independent thinker, power of self control, and correct ideas of right and wrong and to respect the law—for each child a law unto himself.

Where kindergartens are a part of the public school system, there is little need of reform schools, juvenile courts, detention homes, for the work is formative, not reformatory. What with Oregon state-law not admitting children until the age of six, the children receive this training in this formative period, on the streets—these children who are our future citizens.

What of the great foreign element entering our shores? Are they to be taught patriotism, loyalty, a factor to their adopted country? If so, we can't begin too soon.

"Give me the child the first five years, and I don't care who has the man," is gospel, and today, as never before, the cry of the child is "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

Aside from this, the association has accomplished much in civic work—legislation for professional work as preparation for teaching—and the granting of professional certificates.

The association is officered: President, Miss Elizabeth K. Matthews; vice president, Miss Harriet Christel Pratt; treasurer, Miss Frances Arnold; secretary, Miss Lois Man.

Throughout the school year once a month lectures have been given on art by Miss Katherine Simmons, "Bird Life," Dr. Welby, "Liberaries for Children," Miss Millard, "Civics," Miss Strong of Seattle.

NEW clubs of the state were able to make a better showing at their annual meeting than was the Woman's Club of Oregon City. The secretary's report showed: Number of active members enrolled at beginning of year, 45; number of honorary members enrolled at beginning of year, 2; active members taken in during the year, 28; honorary members taken in during the year, 6; total, 32. Number of members dropped from roll, 1; leaving an enrollment of active members, 76; honorary members, 15.

The treasurer, Mrs. Mary Charman, reports: Receipts for general fund \$7.45; Receipts for rest room \$7.75; Receipts for sanitarium \$25.00; Receipts for advertising \$7.00; Receipts for scholarship fund \$15.50; Receipts for civic imp'v't \$15.00; Receipts for park fund \$85.55.

Total \$202.95. The club has been particularly active the past year in its civic work. This is done under two committees, which reported as follows:

"During the year the club has accomplished much in the way of civic im-

provement. Aside from urging the passage of certain ordinances by the city tending to the betterment of conditions of the city in general the club has through its civic improvement committee transformed the ground of McLaughlin Park from an almost barren rock to a park with beautiful grounds ornamented with flowers and traversed by winding gravel walks. The small plot of ground adjacent to the Southern Pacific depot on lower Seventh street has not been transformed to a miniature park, ornamented with roses and other beautiful flowers.

"Rest Room—The club through its rest room committee has established and furnished a rest room in the city where out of town people and others may go and rest and be comfortable during the day. This room is particularly of advantage to out of town ladies who can find all the modern conveniences where they can make themselves presentable before going on the street.

"As a whole the club can look back with pride and pleasure upon the year just closed."

At the annual meeting delegates were elected to the state convention, which will be held at The Dalles in October. They are, Mrs. Hiram Straight and Mrs. W. A. Shawman; alternates Mrs. Mary Canfield and Mrs. Louis A. Norris.

Mrs. Jennie Harding was named as the alternate for the president, Mrs. J. W. Norris. The club sent a vote of thanks to the city council and to the commercial club, also to the editors of the Oregon City papers, for many courtesies extended the club during the year.

In summing up the year's work the members were all enthusiastic in their praise of their president, Mrs. J. W. Norris, who has been untiring in her efforts for the welfare of the club, and the results have shown that her work has not been in vain. Never in its history has the club forged so far ahead in one year, or had so show so many garnered sheaves at its close. The unanimous vote of thanks which was extended to Mrs. Norris but poorly expressed the appreciation the members felt.

MRS. CAROLINE M. SEVERANCE, first president of the New England Woman's Club, and now for many years a resident of Los Angeles, writes in a recent letter to Mrs. Buchwalter:

"My own idea in helping to found the modern woman's club was quite distinctive from that of the 'societies,' 'circles,' 'study classes,' etc., which, from the early church 'singing societies' had each a specific title and purpose, and none of them bore the name of 'club.' Mrs. Runcle's 'circle,' the 'Minerva' like many others, was, no doubt, distinctly literary, like study classes, etc., etc."

"I think I must get time to make clear this distinction in some public way, which will, I hope, banish the present confusion. A late Boston newspaper has presented a claim for the 'Woman's Physiological Society' of that city as being the first club founded in

the country. I was one of the charter members of that, with Dr. Harriet K. Hunt. It was limited by title and constitution to matters of hygiene, whatever it may have done in 1842 years in broadening its scope and purpose.

"On the contrary, the 'club' movement for women was organized, as shown by its title and program, to cover the needs of the home, civic and social interests, with no limitation of topic, program, class or circle. It was to be thoroughly nonpartisan and nonsectarian, and these were the only topics barred, at the outset. But soon—and always since—politics in the way of woman's right to suffrage, came to the front, and in more and more discussed and adopted by many clubs. The woman's club is now a vital factor in all matters which concern the home and human welfare.

"The title, 'Mother of Clubs,' given to the little volume compiled as a labor of love by a devoted friend of mine who had looked up the data, and urged that it be used, has perhaps provoked a little criticism by those who had no access to these facts. The 'Sorosis' of New York was thought of at about the same time that our New England Woman's Club was being organized, and Mrs. Croly, in her history of the 'Woman's Club' states that their New York Press club was led to organize the 'Sorosis' because of their exclusion from the dinner offered Dickens by the press club of men.

"Please submit this reply to your committee, dear Mrs. Buchwalter, and oblige.

"Yours sincerely, in hearty club fellowship,

"CAROLINE M. SEVERANCE"

ONE of the departments in the General Federation Bulletin, which has just been selected as the official organ of the General Federation, will be devoted to the National Plant and Fruit Guild, the president and founder of which is Mrs. John Wood Stewart of Glen Ridge, N. J.

The Guild was organized in 1893 and has now about 300 branches. The scope of the work of the Guild is wide. The duty of the executive board is to maintain a national office, to print and distribute the free transformation labels and all general literature; to have the supervision and direction of all existing branches and to introduce as rapidly as possible, the beneficial influences of the Guild into every village and city in the land. There are two forms of branches, designated as country activities and city activities.

The country activities look after the collection and shipment of flowers, plants, fruits, vegetables, etc., and nature materials for schools and flower shows. All these are sent direct to institutions and to tenement districts of a nearby city and there distributed. The country activities look after community playground, institution, factory, railway station and roadside gardens, plant markets, and fresh air activities.

One distinct province of city activities is to serve as a clearing house for the products of a country branch by keeping a record of institutions needing plants, flowers, fruits, vegetables, jelly or natural material and by so directing the contribution of the country branches that there will be no waste or overlapping. The free transportation labels, record cards and free seeds which are furnished by the national of-

fice to every city branch are addressed and distributed in that city. The city activities attend to the assignment of destination and to the collection and distribution and to the plant market. They also have within their sphere gardens in tenements, and with camps, vacant lots and institution gardens.

The work of the Guild is a wonderful one, and should be interested in it. The national secretary is Miss A. L. Fairfield, New York City, and the national treasurer is Herbert Gouverneur Ogden of Stamford, Conn.

MEMBERS of the "Woman Suffrage Party" of Brooklyn, N. Y., have hit upon an odd and economical method of advertisement. They have induced a large number of grocers to accept and use a small paper sack, that will hold about a pound of coffee or flour, which appears the following display print:

Wanted—Every woman in Brooklyn to join the Woman Suffrage party, and help us to get votes for women. We want to elect wise and honest officials, who will give us lower taxes, less rent, a clean and happy city, and full time in school for every child. Get a postcard, write on it "I believe in woman suffrage," sign your name and address and mail it to Mrs. Robert H. Elder, 80 Willow St., Brooklyn. You will then be invited to the next meeting in your district. No money dues.

The price of the bag is little more than is paid for the handbills which are so lavishly thrown around, and so seldom read, while these bags with their strong appeal go directly to the women most wanted as recruits in the ranks of the suffragists—the plodding housekeeper, who runs risks and sets in the kitchen and who never realizes why her unceasing toil, her pulling and tugging to make ends meet, is rewarded with no better results, and the grind goes on. She is the one who rarely notices—for she has never found time to study economic questions—what the loss of her vote means to herself and her community. She can lament corrupt officials; she can exclaim over exposures of graft and corruption and groan over high taxes, unnecessary improvements, and the many things connected for the benefit of the politician and his satellites, never dreaming of the power she would hold if she had the ballot in her hand, and the most deplorable of all, in her utter ignorance, not wanting it.

In writing of the result of this bag advertisement, Mrs. M. W. Suffren, the secretary, says: "It is impossible to state at this time what return of postcards will come from the new effort, because the bags have just been sent out. Our leading Brooklyn paper, the Daily Eagle, gave a short account of the plan in its columns, and a dozen postcards were received sent by women who read the notice and were attracted by it.

If successful many thousands more bags will be printed and distributed, not only to grocers, but to small shops of every description by means of the admirable district organization."

TWINS ARE PUZZLE TO IMMIGRATION CHIEF

New York, Aug. 6.—If the immigration officials of this port could have their way, twins would be forever barred

from entering this country, at least through this city. The greatest objection which these officials would be willing to make from this stand in the all things desiring to enter be branded in such a manner as to insure their easy and certain identification.

This drastic solution comes as a result of one of the most perplexing problems which the immigration officials have ever been called on to solve, involving twin brothers, John and Andrew Horn by name. Compared with them the two Dromios had absolutely no resemblance, and the trouble which they gave the department is not yet ended.

The two, alike in weight and height, wearing similar mustaches and dressed alike to the last detail, arrived here recently with the avowed intention of becoming citizens of this country. In answering the questions, however, which are put to arriving foreigners, John made admissions which disqualified him for entrance.

Then, when the immigration officials decided to deport John, Andrew said he would go along. Once at the island, the pair refused to say which was which. "Which of you is John?" asked the inquiring member of the board of inspectors, since no one could tell them apart.

"Find out," said one of them through an interpreter. By a ruse it was discovered which placed on his back. The next day both had crossed in chalk on their coats.

In the middle of the night they changed coats for fear they might be identified, and finally the immigration officials were about to give in. Andrew had declared at the start that if John was deported he, too, must go back, but he refused to pay his way in the steerage. So back they have gone, no one knowing which was which.

Before they sailed they said they would be back again, but that they would come separately and thus be able to enter the port at separate times as Andrew.

WOMAN MARRIED AND DESERTED IN ONE DAY

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Mrs. Hilma Shasta snatched an advertisement for a home-keeper last Thursday, was employed last Monday morning, and before noon had become Mrs. Charles Natner, wife of her employer, who, she says, told her he was a farmer from Johnson Creek, Wis. Shortly after noon, on their way to Natner's farm via the Chicago & Milwaukee electric, Natner, she says, complained of a violent pain in the stomach. They left the car, and the bride waited while the bridegroom went to a drug store for medicine. He did not return, and Mrs. Natner, after searching, asked the Eastwaston police to find him, as she had been forced to conclude that she had been deserted. Mrs. Natner is 26 years old and has two children. The police say she was divorced from her first husband.

World's Congress of Deaf Mutes.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 6.—Many persons prominent in the education of deaf mutes are assembling in Colorado Springs for the world's congress of the deaf mutes, which is to hold its sessions here during the next few days. In connection with the congress there has been prepared an elaborate exhibition showing the ability and skill in the industrial arts of persons deprived of speech and hearing.

## ILLINOIS TOWN STEALS ITS WATER

### Chicago Officials Catch Town of Dolton in Act; Tap Main Is Charge.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Chicago officials have been aroused by the discovery that the village of Dolton has been stealing water from Chicago by the thousands of gallons, and plans have been laid for suit against the village officials to recover damages to the amount of the value of the water as soon as an estimate of the systematic thefts can be made.

Commissioner of Public Works Mullany heard of the novel means by which Dolton had been procuring its water supply, for the first time, when several of his assistants reported to him after an investigation.

The fact that the southern and southwestern parts of Chicago are facing a water famine has added to the indignation feeling with which Chicago officials look on the untoward acts of the nearby village.

"They connected a two inch pipe with one of the city mains without as much as 'by your leave,'" Mr. Mullany said.

"How did they happen to connect their pipes with the city's main?" Mayor Busse inquired, evincing deep interest.

"I suppose they took a chance that, being far out in the country, no one would ever discover it," Mr. Mullany answered. "They have found it very profitable to depend on the city's furnishing them free water, for they shut down their own waterworks entirely."

"How long has this been going on?" Mayor Busse asked.

"We have not learned yet, but are going to try to. If we can't find out we shall have the city engineer make an estimate and then start suit."

The discovery of the village's unlawful pipe was made by an inspector in the bureau of water, who visited Dolton one day.

Recently Refused Water Supply.

"Pretty good water you get from your wells out here," he said to one of the residents.

"That ain't well water," the other replied. "That's city water. We get it from Chicago."

The inspector reported to his chief, Thomas Byrnes, and the two made a search that ended in the finding of the connecting pipe. When the facts were reported to Mr. Mullany he issued instructions for the shutting off of the supply.

Several months ago officials of the village made application to the city for a supply of water, in accordance with the provisions of the sanitary district act. The request was referred to the finance committee, where it was placed on file because of the shortage of water.

Sole Portland Agents Ostermoor Mattresses—Monarch Vacuum Cleaners—Kiser Enlarged Hand-Colored Photos—Perrin's Gloves—See Full Page Announcement Last Page, Section One, for "Counter-Clearing Sale"—Great Bargains in Women's Apparel, Gloves, Etc.

PHONE US FOR GROCERIES  
Save money by calling up Private Exchange 4 or A-101, whenever you have a need in the grocery line. Our newly enlarged grocery is supplied with best of goods, and you'll always find our prices the very lowest.

# The Greater Meier & Frank Store

OUR NEW OPTICAL DEPT'M'T  
is in charge of a thoroughly skilled optician, a man with 16 years' practical experience, who has passed the strict Oregon examination. Come here with your eye troubles and have your eyes examined and glasses fitted.

## "Make-Room" Sale in Our Immense Furniture Section

**Denim Couches \$4.98**  
We have 18 of these comfortable Denim-Covered Couches which we wish to close out during the "Make Room" sale. They are full size, well made, regular \$6.00 values, selling at only, each **\$4.98**

**Jumbo Porch Rockers \$8.98**  
Every one wants one of these large, comfy and roomy Rockers on their porch and this affords an opportunity for every one to have one. In natural finish, very large and handsome, \$12 values **\$8.98**

**\$9 Porch Rockers at \$6.78**  
Large size red and green Porch Rockers, very comfortable and well made, regular \$9.00 value, special for this sale at **\$6.78**

Green or red Porch Rockers or Chairs, regularly sold at \$2.75 each; 3 dozen for this sale, priced at only, your choice **\$1.89**

Slat Lawn Seats, four feet six inches long, well made, regularly priced at \$3.00 each, special for this sale at only, each **\$1.98**

The imperative need for floor space for the fall stocks in furniture makes this sale necessary—Our furniture buyer has just returned from the Eastern markets, where he made liberal purchases, and now the goods are beginning to arrive. Quick action is necessary to dispose of the huge quantities now on hand; therefore prices are reduced in a manner most decisive. Add to the completeness of your home while this opportunity presents such unusual savings. Every article in this sale is of the present season's make. The entire fourth floor of both buildings is devoted to the display and sale. Take advantage while selection is good

**\$5.50 Costumer \$3.49**  
One of the most popular offerings of this sale will be this special on Combination Costumers and Umbrella Stands like cut. Made of solid oak in golden finish. Regular \$8.50 values. Special this week for the great "Make Room" Sale **\$3.49**

**Save on Fine Sofa Beds**

**Pullman and Karpén Sofas**

The "Make Room" sale includes even the well-known Karpén and Pullman Davenport Combination Beds and Sofas. Inspect them here.

Polished Oak Davenports, velour covered, well upholstered, handsome colorings and designs, regular \$100.00 values at **\$79.00**

Polished Mahogany Davenports, velour covered, beautiful designs and colorings, massive frame, regular \$85.00 value for **\$67.50**

Davenports in wax or golden oak finish, upholstered in imitation leather, regularly \$75 values, special for this sale at **\$59.00**

Early English finish, imitation leather upholstered, \$62.50 val., **\$50.00**

Polished Oak Davenport, velour covered, \$50 value, special at **\$38.00**

Davenport, finished in early English, upholstered in imitation leather, regular \$37.50 values; special for this sale at **\$29.50**

Davenport in golden oak finish, upholstered in imitation leather, regularly sold for \$37.50, special price for this sale **\$29.50**

Mahogany frame, velour covered, \$75.00 value, special at only **\$59.50**

Oak frame, velour covered, \$47.50 value, special for this sale, **\$39.75**

**Oak Center Table \$2.20**  
Center Tables like cut, solid oak, extra heavy golden finish, regularly sold at \$3.25 each; 52 in the lot, special all this week, each **\$2.20**

**Sale Felt Mattresses \$12.50 Value \$9.60**  
Our "Hygienic Felt" Mattress, covered with A. C. A. ticking, with Imperial edge, well tufted and filled with best quality felt, made on a new principle. Reg. \$12.50 vals. **\$9.60**

**\$8.50 Reed Rocker \$6.79**  
Baronial Reed Rockers, a lot of 50 for this sale and sold at so low a price that we can sell only one to a customer. Regularly priced at \$8.50 each. Extra special for this sale **\$6.79**

**Closing Out Grass PORCH AND Lawn Furniture**

Very artistic pieces in cool and sightly Grass Furniture for porch, lawn or living-room at exceptionally low prices. Only a few pieces of a kind. While they last:

Grass Rockers, regularly \$7.79, now at **\$5.24**

Rockers, \$7.94 values at **\$5.68**

Chairs, \$6.25 values, now **\$4.79**

Rockers, \$5.98 values at **\$4.25**

Chairs, \$6.69 values at **\$4.98**

These goods are good for all the year round use, and can be used in the living-room, den or bedroom as well as on the porch. Buy now.

Grass Chairs, regularly \$6.25 at only **\$4.79**

Chairs, \$6.44 values, now **\$4.49**

Rockers, \$6.74 values, now **\$4.89**

Chairs, \$6.74 values, now **\$4.79**

Rockers, \$7.00 values at **\$5.14**

**Oriental Rugs at Quarter Less**

Rug fanciers are enthusiastic over the assortments and richness of the rugs in our Oriental Rug Section. This department is in charge of a native Armenian rug expert thoroughly familiar with all the weaves and grades. His expert advice is yours for the asking. Your inspection invited.

Kermanshahs, Iranshahs, Isphahans, Sarauks, 140 in the lot; the sizes range from 9x12 to 12x20. Highest grade. Most beautiful blending of colors. Special for this week only at **1/4 Off**

Khivas, new arrivals; all perfect specimens; beautiful colorings and artistic designs; the average size is 7-x10-6; regular \$150.00 values. On special for this week only at the low price of **\$99.00**

Khivas, just twenty in the lot, 8-x11-6; regular \$180.00 values; special for this sale at only, each **\$129.00**

Belooj Rugs, all real antiques; average size 4x6-6; two hundred in the lot, regular \$300.00 values for **\$19.00**

Princess Bokharas, extra fine, eighty to choose from; average size 4x6 feet; regular \$65.00 values at **\$39.00**

**\$3.75 Cobbler Seat Rocker**

**Just Like Cut, Special \$2.69**

200 Rockers, like picture, golden or mahogany finish, with cobbler seat, splendid rockers for living-room, bedroom, etc. Reg. price \$3.75 each. **Special "Make Room" price \$2.69**

**Cobbler Seat Dining Chairs, Special at 98c**

The greatest bargain in Cobbler-Seat Dining Chairs ever offered in this city. They are strongly made and handsomely designed. Good enough for any dining-room and only offered at this low price because we were extremely fortunate in securing this lot at a big reduction. Fine \$1.50 values at **98c**