

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND THEIR WORK

ROSEBURG will be the hostess of the next convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs...

MULTNOMAH County Woman's Christian Temperance Union is holding a series of county educational institutes...

It is hoped that every club in the state will endorse this measure, and write its endorsement to Oregon's representatives in Washington...

FOREST GROVE Woman's club has been studying and working along civic lines this year, yet the members have found time to develop the social side of the club...

The executive board also gave its endorsement to the following bill now before the Oregon legislature...

The concert arranged for Red Letter day, January 25, was a great success, both as an entertainment and financially...

Those in charge of the Ellen Terry engagement regretted to report a deficit of \$129. This was a great disappointment to the board...

The greatest credit is due each member of the committee, composed of the following club members: Miss Myers, Mrs. E. H. Williams, Mrs. H. C. Atwell, Mrs. J. F. Miller and Mrs. Shippee...

the clubs much to think about. She says: "This committee has been pleased to note a growing interest in the work of the committee..."

"There is no subject of more vital importance to the development of the state, than our waterways, both for irrigation and navigation..."

"The conservation and preservation of our forests is a subject of great importance, but not less so is the improvement of our waterways..."

It is pleasant to note that the Nurses' association of Portland has incorporated, and adopted a constitution which will mean better and more co-operation between the nurses, not only in Oregon, but of the coast states...

SENATOR JOHN HECKER of Colorado, who was said to be intending to introduce a bill for the repeal of woman suffrage, has come out in the Denver papers with a flat denial...

RABBITS PLENTIFUL IN SOUTHERN OREGON

Lakeview, Ore., Feb. 4.—Hunters are having a great time this winter going after rabbits of the cotton-tail and jack varieties. The vogue is to organize clubs that have an equal number of men to a side and then the one that gets the largest bag of game is the guest of the other club at a supper generally of the finest quality that are procurable...

Band Concert Pleases

Hillsboro, Ore., Feb. 4.—The second annual concert given here last night by the Hillsboro reed and cornet band was well attended and highly appreciated. The organization has been in existence for many years and is composed of a large number of faithful and competent musicians...

STORIES OF FAMOUS POETS

"The Akhond of Swat." What, what, what? What's the news from Swat? Bad news. Comes by the cable led Through the Indian ocean's bed, Through the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean—his dead; The Akhond is dead;

Mourn, city of Swat! Your great Akhond is not, But lain mid worms to rot, His mortal part alone, his soul was caught...

Let Swat bury the great Akhond With a noise of mourning and lamentation! Let Swat bury the great Akhond With the noise of the mourning of a faithful nation!

ONE of the greatest of all parodies was written by an American. It is called by several different names: "The Threnody," "The Akhond of Swat" and "Ode on the Death of the Akhond of Swat..."

Langin was one of the cleverest among the brilliant coteries of newsmen who helped to make Chicago famous in the decade between 1870 and 1880. To this poem is attributed whatever fame or reputation the state of Swat and its Akhond have attained...

The odes of Dryden, or Pope, even the best things that Browning or Wordsworth could do in the palmy days of their power, have not equaled in familiarity with the amusing parody written by Langin. The writing of this popular nonsense verse came about in the following way:

It was along about the time of the Turco-Russian war, in 1877 and 1878 that Langin received the inspiration. He was then one of the bright young men who contributed to the only newspaper in the country who used a fountain pen...

"London, January 1.—The Akhond of Swat is dead." That was all. Not a word as to who the Akhond was, what he did or had done, or would do if he could. There was not a word to tell where Swat was, how it happened to be there, to whom it belonged, or whether the death of the Akhond would cause its removal to another flat, or even a word to say of what the Akhond had died; or whether he was a merchant prince, an lee man, or merely a common king or emperor...

Langin thought for a moment. It was a new one on him. He had made special preparations for just such an emergency. But where was Swat, and what was the position of the Akhond, or what rank? With his voice choking with tears he cried out: "Oh, heaven, help me! the great Akhond is dead this day and none so poor to do him reverence." Then was the supreme moment for the fountain pen. "Paper," he exclaimed. "White paper before the thought vanishes!"

communication with his office. It was clear that on that night no fire story would reach his newspaper by the regular channels. In his wanderings about through the almost flaming atmosphere, Langin found an abandoned telegraph key in a corner drug store, and called the main office. Then for hours he sat at the key and telegraphed the story of his observations, of the sights his eyes were resting upon while he worked and the information that was brought to him by willing assistants, who volunteered to help him once they understood the wonderful thing he was doing. Langin later left Chicago and died in Philadelphia. His son became a protégé of the late George W. Childs, who not only admired the elder Langin because of the "Akhond of Swat," but because of his genius in other things that were never mentioned by Langin himself.

OLD YAMHILL FOLK FIDDLE FOR PRIZES

McMinnville, Ore., Feb. 4.—An old fiddlers' contest was held here last night at the Imperial theatre, at which a large crowd was present, being people from all parts of the county to hear their representatives play their favorite pieces. The contestants were all over 55 years old and any player that could play by note was barred from the contest. Cash prizes were given for the best fiddler, the best dancer and the best banjo player. Sam Johnson of Dayton took first prize in the fiddling and clog dancing, Mr. Olmstead and Mr. Clevering of McMinnville the getting second and third in the music. Besides the violin fiddlers there was blackfaced singing with banjo accompaniment by Ed Wilson of High Heaven, and fancy banjo playing and juggling by L. S. Hopfield of McMinnville. The "Arkansas Traveler," the "Fisher's Hornpipe," "Wilson's Clog" and other old pieces were aired with much credit by the old gray-haired fiddlers. The contest was followed by a wrestling match between local parties.

EVERYBODY TO WORK; YES, AND FATHER, TOO

Chicago, Feb. 4.—"Everybody Works But Father" will be early out of tune in Chicago after today, for the new Court of Domestic Relations will be open for business. The new tribunal is designed to deal especially with men who sit at home all day while their wives take in washing to support the family. Husbands who abandon or fail to support their families will be given particular attention. The new court also will have charge of all cases concerning the abduction of children under 12 years of age, contributing by parents to delinquency of children, child labor, compulsory education, card playing in saloons by minors, conduct of miners in dance halls, selling of liquor or tobacco to children, and cruelty to children.

First Preliminary Showing of Exclusive New Spring Styles in Women's and Misses' Apparel at Portland's Emporium



We are ready with an advance showing of dainty spring SUITS, DRESSES and MISSES' COATS. We invite you to come and see these new garments. They will delight and surprise every feminine heart. The styles are correct, the lines are graceful. The Suits and Coats are strictly all man-tailored, of mannish cloths as well as serges, chevots and novelty mixtures. The Dresses are of fancy and plain messalines and natural pongee silks. You can see them in our window—Sixth street, near Washington—and we will be more than pleased to show them to you in the Garment Section on the second floor.

Advertisement for New Tailored Waists and Suits. Includes text: 'In Summer Silks, with pin-tucked fronts, in black, navy and brown stripes, well worth \$6.00. Special at \$3.75'. Features the 'Nemmo Emporium' logo and address '126 SIXTH ST.'.

Advertisement for Raucht Long Electrics. Includes text: 'Safety Control, Motz Cushion Tires—No Punctures, Exide or Edison Battery—Long Mileage, Roomy and Elegant'. Features an illustration of a four passenger coupe. Contact: FRANK C. RIGGS, PACKARD SERVICE BUILDING, Cornell Road, 23rd and Washington Sts.

Large advertisement for Nemo Lastikops System. Features two illustrations of women in corsets. Text: 'BRANCH FACTORY STUTTGART, GERMANY FOR THE CONTINENT', 'BRANCH FACTORY BRISTOL, ENGLAND FOR GREAT BRITAIN'. Includes details about the system and prices: 'Nemo No. 321, at \$3.50' and 'Nemo No. 330, at \$3.50'.