

WOMEN



Mrs. Alta M. Crabtree and child. Mrs. Crabtree is president of Stephens Parent-Teacher association, which announces a big evening meeting for this week.



Mrs. P. J. Mann, who was yesterday hostess at a large reception given in honor of Mrs. G. J. Frankel and Mrs. J. A. Pettit, respectively retiring and newly elected presidents of the Portland Woman's Club.

All news for this department must be in the hands of the club editor not later than 4 o'clock Friday afternoon to insure publication on the following Sunday.

By Vella Winner.

The big event of the week, in fact the big event of the entire year in women's organizations, is the banquet announced for Friday evening of this week at the Commercial club by the Council of Portland Parent-Teacher associations. This is a setting together of the associations as well as the civic and commercial clubs of the city, the educational organizations and prominent citizens, several hundred invitations having been issued. Education will be the general theme of the evening and the principal address will be given by Dr. A. R. Sheldon, head of the department of education at the State University and accounted one of the most brilliant speakers on the coast. There will be five minute talks by a dozen of Portland's most prominent men. Miss Dagmar Ines Kelly is in charge of the musical program, which will be as follows: The prologue from "Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo); "Voce di donna o' d'angelo" from "Giacinta"; "I' tamer" (Acqui); Miss Kelly, Mrs. Stuart McGuire will also sing. Mrs. Claire Oakes will be the accompanist. Reservations for the banquet should be made at once with Mrs. F. A. Jackson, East 1820.

Grade Teachers Meet.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Grade Teachers' association Wednesday was followed by a banquet at the Imperial hotel. A large number

of teachers attended, and an enjoyable dinner hour was spent.

After the banquet the company adjourned to one of the parlors, where an informal program was given. Miss Ines Kelly sang some attractive solos, and Miss Stark, accompanied by Miss McDonald, gave a spirited rendition of a selection from "Cavalleria Rusticana." Miss Florence McElroy, accompanied by her sister, added to the pleasure of the occasion by giving two violin solos. L. R. Alderman, city superintendent, in response to a hearty welcome from his teachers, made an address, and O. M. Plummer, of the school board, made an appeal for friendly relations among all members of the teaching corps.

The teachers, were especially happy in welcoming Dr. Alan Welch Smith, another member of the board of education. Dr. Smith met again with the association for the first time since his serious illness of last winter.

Congress of Mothers Adopts Resolutions.

A special called meeting of the executive board of the Oregon Congress of Mothers was held last week for the purpose of considering suggested changes in the constitution of the national organization at the meeting to be held in Nashville. The meeting resulted in the drafting of a letter of some length to the Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers, from which state came the suggestion for a concerted movement in an effort to have some changes made in the constitution. After several paragraphs of general comment on the past action of the national body follow these paragraphs:

"We agree with the implication of your closing question, that more definite progress can be secured in the national congress, as in other organizations of a similar nature, by rotation of offices.

"The policy of holding all elections in Washington naturally limits the suffrage of the organization, since the distance is great to permit of any large delegation of western women.

"With no personal feeling and actuated only by our deep interest in seeing the affairs of the national congress on the broadest and most democratic basis, the Oregon board has adopted resolutions instructing its delegates to give notice at the Nashville convention of the following amendments to the constitution:

"To amend Article II by adding after the closing sentence: 'and to permit of any large delegation of western women.'

"To amend Article IV by adding: 'Provided that the election of 1917 the term of officers elected shall be for a period of two years, returning in 1919 to the three year term.'

"To amend Article VI by adding to the first sentence: 'Provided that no two consecutive elections shall be held in the same state, and striking out of the last sentence the phrase 'the national president shall be elected.'

"To amend Article Y by adding: 'Section IV. The operations of the board of managers and of the executive committee shall be identified only with the business details of the congress. In cases of emergency between conventions, all questions of public policy involving the congress or its members, and all questions of public policy shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the state organizations.'

"In support of this last amendment we would call your attention to the minutes of meetings of the executive board, held in Washington, January 11 and 12, 1915 (four members being present) from which it appears that the national president officially representing the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations, accepted the invitation of Mrs. Linda Bates, president of the women's division of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, to continue her activities in cooperation with that organization in its new work in the interest of national preparedness against war.

"We mention this as an instance of a matter so vital, and concerning which congress members hold such differing opinions, that it should not be determined by four members of the executive committee, but should be referred back to the state organizations.

"Trusting that you will agree with us as to the wisdom of these amendments and will cooperate with us to secure their passage and to do everything which may be necessary to secure the widest development and activity of the national congress, I am, on behalf of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations, very sincerely,

"(MRS.) LILLIAN NEWTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

"P. S.—This letter has been unanimously approved by the executive board of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations and copies of it have been sent to all members of the board of managers."

To Present "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Frank Price-Giles will present "Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Little theatre Monday evening, April 3. This is the first of many interesting affairs that will be given next month in honor of Shakespeare. Mrs. Giles was recently with the Viola Allen company, and comes to the coast as a reader for the first time. Mendelssohn's score is used with the reading and with Abby Whitelie at the piano it will be a musical treat. The following patrons and patronesses insure social interest, as well as artistic: Miss Josephine Hammond, Mrs. Julius Louison, Mrs. M. Baruh, Mrs. Thomas C. Burke, Mrs. G. J. Frankel, Mrs. Emma Gillespie, Mrs. Edward Preble, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Garr Reed, and Mrs. Frank Brannan Riley. Mrs. Tillie D. Thomas, Mrs. Warren E. Thomas, Mrs. John M. Scott, Mrs. A. T. McKinley, Mary Francis Isom and Miss Frank Towne.

Mothers' Congress in Nashville

April 4-9.

The twentieth annual child welfare conference and national convention of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations will be held in Nashville, Tenn., April 4 to 9. Sessions will be held in the state capital. Every state is entitled to three delegates and presiding officers. Members of all circles and all who are interested in child welfare are invited to enjoy the conference. Mrs. George M. Meth will represent the Oregon congress.

The joint work of the bureau of education with the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations has given a nation-wide impetus to what many regard as the most important educational movement of the day, viz., education in child nurture and home-making. Every phase of child welfare is considered by the congress.

Five state child welfare conferences are being held during March, and April 4 to 9 all the groups of speakers will arrive in Nashville, for the convention which, undoubtedly, will be the largest ever held by the congress. Members from throughout the south is a joint tour of representatives of the bureau of education and the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations. Three groups will visit all the Atlantic seaboard states, while many more will come from the north and the west.

Maine Joins Work.

The National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations welcomes into its nation-wide work for child welfare the Maine branch of the congress which was organized in Waterville, February 12, with 28 charter associations paying dues for over 1200 members. Fifty-two delegates from over 20 associations were in attendance and gave reports of their accomplishments. School superintendents, teachers, ministers and parents were thoroughly interested and great enthusiasm was shown. The Waterville schools closed that teachers might attend a meeting for organization. Mrs. Walter Leroy Smith, national chairman of the department of Parent-Teacher associations, has done all the preliminary organization work with wonderful success, and to this is due the splendid success of the first congress in Maine. Mrs. David O. Meers and Mrs. Milton Smith represented the national congress at the Waterville meeting and formed the state branch.

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TO PRESIDE AT BANQUET



Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, president Council of Portland Parent-Teacher Associations, who will preside at the banquet which the council will give at the Commercial Club Friday Night.

both Board will contribute musical numbers to the social hour. Chapter A, of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, will meet tomorrow at 2 p. m. with Mrs. William Hull, 793 Clackamas street.

Stephens Parent-Teacher association will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. District Attorney Evans will speak on "Annals of Prevention"; a short address will also be made by Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, Superintendent Alderman, O. M. Plummer and Judge Munin will participate in the general discussion. Miss Vera Saxon will give piano numbers and Miss Eloise Anita Hull will give vocal numbers. Mrs. Clara Hull, accompanist. All parents of the neighborhood are urged to be present.

Evening class of Portland Shakespeare Study club will meet Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, Central library. Portland Shakespeare Study club

will meet Monday at 2 o'clock p. m. with Mrs. A. A. Eckern, 410 East Twenty-sixth street North. Take Broadway car.

The Parent-Teacher association of Mount Tabor school will give an entertainment early in April, under the direction of Miss Nina Greathouse. Two interesting and humorous farces will be given, "Spreading the News" and "The News." "Spreading the News" is an Irish farce, written by Lady Gregory; and, while humorous, is full of practical lessons. The cast of characters will include many well known men and women of Mount Tabor. An orchestra and a quartet will furnish music for the evening.

At the political tea to be held at central headquarters, 171 1/2 Eleventh street, Mrs. M. L. T. Hadden will be in charge of the plans to have the candidates that she desires to see in of-

ice as the speakers. Other political meetings will be held later in the interest of the candidates of the Prohibition, the Republican and the Progressive parties.

The Laurelhurst Dramatic Study club will meet at the clubhouse tomorrow afternoon for the study of "Trojan Women." Mrs. John Stultz will have charge of the afternoon and a most interesting meeting is anticipated. The relation of "Trojan Women" to Shakespeare's plays and to Homer's "Iliad" will be considered.

There will be a meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae at the Portland Heights club Saturday, April 1, at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. Frank L. Loveland will speak on "The Obligations of Leadership."

Gypsy Band Travels On Its Special Car

King John and 50 Subjects Arrive in Chicago; Despite Modern Accommodations Baggage Is in Evidence.

Chicago, March 25.—King John, leader of a band of Wallachian gypsies, reached Chicago in a special car on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad. He was accompanied by 40 of his subjects. The policeman at the Union station escorted the tribe to the immigrants' room, where the women and children were taken care of by the matron in charge.

King John, it is believed, is the first gypsy leader to bring his band to this city in a private car. In spite of the seeming attempt at modern traveling accommodations, the traditional baggage of gypsies was in evidence.

The "king" refused to be photographed and escaped to look for rooms for his following.

Mail Order Catalogue Did It.

Mattoon, Ill., March 25.—Nora Lundy, a farmer living north of here, withdrew \$3600 from the bank and placed it in a mail order catalogue in his home. Mrs. Lundy, in cleaning up the house, threw the catalogue in the stove and burned it.

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Psychology Circle Meets.

Wednesday the North Irvington circle of the Portland Psychology club met at the residence of Mrs. Hallie Johnson, 921 East Eleventh street, North. Mrs. Geo. Dexter presiding. E. H. Whitney, principal of the Oakley Green school, spoke on educational work with an emphasis on the industrial arts as a means of teaching the head and heart through the hand, in cases which otherwise seemed hopeless. A discussion followed, after which refreshments were served.

Katherine Hutch and Mrs. Ethel Knight furnished musical selections.

At the next meeting, April 5, Mrs. Fanny Perry will address the circle. Those present were: Mrs. H. Stephy, Mrs. Geo. Collins, Mrs. L. A. Duncan, Mrs. C. E. Heala, Mrs. Annie Reasshaw, Mrs. Chas. Jackson, Mrs. A. C. Linker, Mrs. Ethel Knight, Mrs. Geo. Dexter, Miss Lucille Johnson, Mrs. G. W. King, Miss Katherine Hutch and Ella Gross.

Clean-Up Week Announced.

The civics committee of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs has selected April 22-23 as clean-up week for this state, and the clubs are being notified to this effect.

Gorky Is Studied.

The Tuesday afternoon club met last week at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Tessler, 440 East Seventh street, North. Maxim Gorky was the subject of the day's program. Mrs. Frank McKay gave a character sketch of the

writer, and Mrs. Merwin Pugh talked on the subject of his short stories. Mrs. W. M. Casanova gave "The Falcon" and several other selected readings. At the conclusion of the program the hostess served refreshments, assisted by Mrs. L. L. Norris, a former member of the club. Mrs. E. L. Sanborn, 636 East Fifty-seventh street, North, will entertain the club next week at the usual hour. Take Rose City car to Fifty-seventh street.

Club and Association Notes.

Judge George Taxwell will be the speaker at the meeting of the Woman's Political Science club Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at Central library. Roll call will be answered with current events.

The department of public speaking of The Coterie will meet Monday at 2 p. m. in the Imperial hotel.

The Overlook Woman's club will hold an open meeting Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Pilgrim Congregational church. Mrs. Helen Miller will speak on "Woman's Status in the Laws of Oregon." Mrs. A. M. Steckle is in charge of a musical program. All friends of the club will be welcome.

"Nature" is the assignment for the study of this circle Tuesday evening. Mrs. R. A. Hollenbeck and Mrs. Eliza

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