

WOMAN'S FEDERATION IS HOLDING ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Expected "Dark Horse" Entry in Presidential Race Fails to Materialize.

ONLY TWO CANDIDATES

Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles and Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath are Contestants for Head of Organization.

New York, May 31.—(I. N. S.)—Contrary to the expectations of many women, no dark horse put in an appearance among the candidates for office in the national federation of women's clubs. The report of the nominating committee included only the names of the avowed and active candidates. The election takes place today.

The polls for the voters today will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. If the election runs smoothly the result probably will be announced at this evening's session, otherwise tomorrow morning.

The nominating committee was composed of the presidents of state delegations, with Mrs. Albert H. Hildreth of Syracuse as chairman.

Bay State Women Sing.
The greatest demonstration during the reading of the names of candidates was by the Massachusetts women, who sang a song in honor of Miss Georgia Bacon, their candidate for first vice-president.

The Cowles' party got to work around the armory immediately in the interest of their presidential candidate. Two boys on the sidewalk outside the armory distributed a pamphlet gotten out by the California federation and containing a picture of Mrs. Cowles, with her club record.

Mrs. Sneath denied again a report that she favored colored clubs being represented in the convention.

Color Question Not an Issue.
"I understand more fully than the many northern women the feeling of the women of the south on this subject," she said in a home for part of the year in the south. It would not make for the happiness of either the white or the colored women and the latter have their own federation. It is not, anyway, a question to come before the federation."

California, apparently considering that there was a suffrage issue in the election, sent out the following:
"We of California, as loyal suffragists, believe in equal citizenship for men and women, and urge its extension to every state in the union at the earliest possible moment. At the same time we counsel against militarism or any other procedure which would result in antagonism between men and women."

Woman's Party Opposed.
This takes the California women out of the congressional union class and is a stand against the formation of any woman's party made up of women voters and intended to take sides politically and fight the men of any party opposing the federal amendment.

Mrs. Sneath also announced her suffrage faith—a belief that women, as taxpayers, should have representation in the government, and that, being punished for breaking laws, women should be allowed to assist in making them.

Mrs. Cowles and Mrs. Sneath were equally prominent in the voting, and it is impossible to predict the result.

Speakers at today's session were William J. Doherty and Thomas Mott Osborne.

One for Vice President.
This is the ticket complete:
For president—Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles and Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath.

First vice president—Miss Georgia Bacon, Massachusetts.

Second vice president—Mrs. Eugene Reilly of Charlotte, N. C., and Mrs. E. B. Lawson of Oklahoma.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. Carrie McFarland of South Dakota, Mrs. John A. Rule of West Virginia.

Auditor—Mrs. W. B. Harper of Washington, Mrs. W. K. James of Missouri.

Treasurer—Mrs. William B. Williams of Michigan, Mrs. A. McMahon of Utah, Mrs. W. B. Young of Florida.

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Directors—California, Mrs. E. G. Dennison; Colorado, Mrs. Walter Garrison; Idaho, Mrs. Charles Muller; Kansas, Mrs. C. A. Hoffman; Missouri, Mrs. W. R. Chivvis; Montana, Mrs. W. B. Higgins; Nebraska, Mrs. A. G. Peterson; Nevada, Mrs. Charles Squires; New Mexico, Mrs. G. W. Franklin; Oklahoma, Mrs. Thomas Holt; Oregon, Mrs. Sarah F. Evans; South Dakota, Mrs. Zilla Wilson; Utah, Mrs. R. B. Fortune; Washington, Mrs. Soland Hoy.

Mrs. Margaret Yardley of New Jersey, and Mrs. C. P. Barnes of Kentucky were unanimously elected honorary vice presidents.

Mrs. Sneath's followers claim the following states: Massachusetts, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, New York and Wisconsin.

The California delegation says it makes no claims as yet.

Makes Good Son's Checks.
Los Angeles, May 31.—(P. N. S.)—O. W. Landers, wealthy Bakersfield mining man and father of Fordyce Landers, who is in jail here for passing worthless checks, has instructed an attorney to make good the checks. Mrs. Landers, the prisoner's girl bride, has returned to her home in Bakersfield without seeing her husband.

RIVALRY FOR HEAD OF WOMEN'S CLUBS



Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath of Ohio (top), and Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of California.

GERMANS CONTINUE TO SHOVE THE FRENCH BACK NEAR CUMIERES

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At Verdun defenses with 1,000,000 men. The French public is calm, scanning the war office communiques with unqualified interest, but confident that if General Neville retires upon the northwest forts he will maintain them with the same tenacity that baited Germans north and northeast of the citadel.

The French evacuated their first line

trenches south of Caurette woods and retired south of Cumieres, toward Chantonnay, under the most violent attacks the oldest veterans had ever experienced. It was officially admitted. By counter attacks at midnight, however, the French regained losses south of Cumieres.

What is termed the most intense fighting of the entire campaign raged on the northwestern front throughout yesterday. It grew more furious toward nightfall and was continuing early today. Between the Meuse and Deadman's hill, Germans repeatedly attacked on a front of two and one half miles. The desperate charges were shattered again and again until the trampled turf was littered with mangled bodies.

Retreat to Chantonnay.
Meanwhile German batteries sent scores of high explosive shells into the French defenses, leveling a first line trench, which naturally was abandoned.

South of Cumieres the German assaults were so violent that the French relinquished their works west of the river and retreated along the railway to Chantonnay station, half a mile east of the village.

Taking shelter behind the embankment, they fought along the railway all afternoon. At twilight the French bugles sounded "Charge" and the defenders left their shelters, meeting the Germans bayonet to bayonet, sending them back the way they had advanced. A German detachment which managed to reach the Meuse was surrounded and annihilated.

Germans who penetrated trenches east of Beffers in Alsace were ousted by counter attacks.

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