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WOMEN IN BUSINESS.

About 2000 women are gathering in Portland this week for the annual convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs which opened yesterday in the auditorium.

It has been pointed out that ten years ago scarcely any economist would have dreamed of the extent and success with which women have adapted themselves to business and professional occupations.

Without question women are injecting an acuteness of intellect and a depth of human sympathy into the learned professions and into business which have an elevating, purifying and broadening effect which promises well for the future of the race.

Occasionally there is an expression of fear that women will become too dominant and want to lord it over the men. Such talk is senseless. It reveals a guilty conscience.

Women should be man's equal and be recognized and given her place as such. The man who fears she will become his superior confesses his own weakness.

Man needs a companion whom he can recognize as his equal and perhaps his superior in the finer arts and graces. Woman has her God given place and it is far above where most men in the centuries past have placed her.

TABERT'S DEATH ATONED FOR.

Florida has atoned in a measure for the death of Martin Tabert, victim of a whipping boss under the convict leasing system, by convicting and sentencing to 20 years in the penitentiary the whipping boss. Also by abolishing the cruel system of farming out prisoners.

It is said only one other state in the union permits this system to exist, a southern state, and there it is about to be abolished.

Thus Tabert died in a sense as a martyr, his death awakening a state and a nation to the realization and abolishment of a cruel, inhuman wrong. His death may save many from a like fate.

FARM HOME NEEDS FINANCIAL BACKING

At last the black stain on Oregon's fair name in the fact that there has been an utter neglect of care for dependent and homeless children save in sectarian institutions, and these unable to care for half of them, is partially removed in the opening of the Children's Farm Home of the W. C. T. U. with two cottages completed for occupancy.

There are unquestionably 500 children in the state in pitiful need and double that number who should be cared for, according to Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, financial manager. It can be readily seen that the work of providing for dependent children is only begun and that every one who has a heart of flesh should at once lift a part of the burden even to the extent of sacrifice.

The W. C. T. U. women are working, giving and sacrificing heroically, but the burden is too heavy for them. Every woman's club, fraternity, church, Sunday school, in fact every organization in the state should make the largest possible contribution at once, while every individual who has a dollar or more to spare should send at once to Farm Home office, to save and shelter helpless children, says Mrs. Unruh.

A Splendid Report.

He and she were watching the infantry maneuvers and everything was going fine until suddenly there was a volley from the rifles. She threw her arms around his neck. "Oh, Mr. Smith, I hope you will pardon me, I was so frightened."

PLANT SURE DEATH TO RATS

Would Seem It Might Be Utilized to Rid the World of a Most Deadly Enemy.

"Why not raise your own rat poison?" the Philippine bureau of science is asking the people. Its name is "dioscora hirsuta blume," and it grows wild throughout the island lowlands.

The poison content is dioscorin, an alkaloid which produces paralysis of the central nervous system.

The dioscora is a tuber; looks like a potato and grows like one. It also tastes enough like the old-fashioned "spud" to fool Mr. Rat for a moment.

The government scientists say that one nibble is enough to kill a large rat. A slice, without proper preparation, would kill a human being.

On the other hand it has been determined that by peeling the tuber and allowing it to stand in running water for a period of 24 hours the dioscorin content is washed out and the vegetable may be prepared for human consumption in the same manner as is a potato.

When thus prepared it has a slightly sweet taste and is said to have a most agreeable effect upon the palate.

At present one of the largest of the government agricultural schools in the Philippines is making use of the tuber to kill rats and field mice, which are proving an increasing menace to growing crops.

COUNT THE DUST PARTICLES

Scientists of United States Department of Agriculture Are Investigating the Atmosphere.

In connection with the solar radiation work of the weather bureau, United States Department of Agriculture, a daily count is being made of the number of dust particles in the atmosphere, at Washington. To make the count, the air pressure within the dust counter is suddenly decreased, causing a line of dust to be precipitated on glass, where the particles are counted with a microscope having a magnification of 1,000 diameters.

On quiet mornings as many as 3,000 dust particles per cubic centimeter have been counted, but on clear mornings following precipitation the number drops to 150.

Most of the particles appear to be extremely fine minerals or organic matter from the earth's surface, although some unconsolidated carbon from smoke, gypsum and calcite from building operations, and diatomaceous material have been observed. Undoubtedly there are many particles which, while large enough to act as nuclei for condensation, are too small to be seen through a microscope with a magnifying power of 1,000 diameters.

Blasco Ibanez.

Vincente Blasco Ibanez (name pronounced vee-then-tay blash-co ee-bahnyayth, was born in Valencia, Spain, in 1868, his father being a storekeeper. He studied law at the University of Valencia, but never practiced, as he took to journalism and politics. He was first imprisoned for his republican views at eighteen and has been twice exiled and imprisoned several times since. He has lived in Paris and in Italy and has spent much time in South America, as cowboy and lecturer, to mention only two of his occupations. He has been a sea captain, has been elected deputy in Spain, has fought duels, and is commander of the French Legion of Honor. He is recognized as Spain's greatest living novelist, his works including: "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," "Blood and Sand," "The Shadow of the Cathedral," "La Bodega" (The Fruit of the Vine), "The Cabin," "The Intruder," "The Horde," "Mare Nostrum" (Our Sea), "Sonnica" and "Luna Benamor."

Work It Out for Yourself.

"You are no gentleman," she wrote, "if you think I said such a thing as she said you said I said I had said."

"Dear girl," he answered, "you must not think I think you think you must be the kind of a girl I think you must be if you said such a thing as you said she said you had said."

Bird Beats a Train.

The fastest express train between Cumberland, Md., and Washington requires three hours and 48 minutes to make the trip. A District of Columbia pigeon recently negotiated that distance in one hour and 52 minutes, says Nature Magazine. The same bird in a 200-mile race some months previous had taken nine weeks to struggle its way back to the home cot.

Oliver Herford's Wit.

Oliver Herford, American wit, raconteur, and author of "Neither Here Nor There," was speaking over the phone to Prof. Brander Matthews, who had just announced his intention to leave for Europe on the Celtic, which he pronounced "Keltic," as befitting his academic status. "Oh, don't say Keltic, Brander," pleaded Herford. "If you do, you'll have a hard sea all the way over."—From the Argonaut.

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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

FEEDING TIME

It seemed strange to see one of the members of the kinkajou family partly hang from his tail as he ate some ice cream which had been given to him as a special treat, though his next-door neighbor kinkajou sat up and ate it.

The kinkajou is a little animal from South America, with a dear, bright little face and soft brown fur, and a very, very long, curling tail.

"Quite a Meal." It was feeding time in the big zoo house where lived all the small animals, the woodchucks, the armadillo, the porcupines, opossums and others.

Now the keeper was in a hurry to begin giving food to the animals, for he said, "My little fellows are all expecting me." And, sure enough, they were. All were sitting up by the doors of their little houses, and they were looking out as though to say to the keeper:

"Yes, we knew it was about time for you to bring us our dinner, and we're mightily pleased to see both you and the dinner."

There were some albino or white woodchucks, with red-pink eyes. They held their two front paws in front of them and sat up very politely as they received their meal. A little boy who was visiting the zoo was given a carrot for these two, and the boy divided the carrot very evenly into two parts and gave each of these two woodchucks a part.

The armadillo had quite a meal. His food was full of variety. He had nut eggs and chopped beef, and also he ate Mrs. Hen's eggs, and milk.

He is a gray, square-looking creature, with a funny shell back, and he is really very queer-looking.

Some one in the zoo said that the armadillo looked something like an overgrown beetle, or bug, with a shell on its back—of course, like a very much overgrown creature, and this made the armadillo show what an important animal he was, by moving his sleeping quarters of a little wooden house around his big zoo house.

Some of the children in the zoo were given bananas to feed to the animals, for this was regular feeding time. It was not right to feed the animals without permission from the keeper, for he knew how much they had had and what would be all right for them.

There was the dearest little gray woodchuck, and he was as tame as a tame could be.

Now it is very unusual to see a really tame woodchuck, for they very seldom will become pets.

But this one was as tame as could be. The keeper had a hand-cart, or wagon, with two parts to it.

And the little woodchuck hopped on the lower part and sat there and ate part of his dinner.

Then he was given a fine collection of vegetables in one end of the zoo, and he sat there on his hind feet—which showed that he knew how a well-behaved woodchuck should act—and ate, while he held his food so prettily.

The people all gathered about him, for he was out of his little zoo house cage, running around. Yes, the keeper had let him out, for he was such a pet he wouldn't have left the zoo for anything!

The opossum didn't wake up for dinner, but the keeper said that was all right. He often didn't care for his dinner when the others did, for at that time sleep seemed nicer to him.

But he would have his food later. He knew that. Oh, yes, he would have a night dinner and be very superior in that way, and he would have some eggs mixed up with other delicacies. Oh, yes, he would not be forgotten, so he would sleep now!

The spring hare from South America was awakened for his dinner, however, for he had just been taking a little nap. He got up suddenly, as though awakened from quite a sound sleep, but at once he put his two paws in front of him to show what good manners he had.

And how very graceful he did look! But the pet of the afternoon was the little woodchuck, who gathered everybody about him and who was so cunning and so good and so polite to the visitors to the zoo, and who let the children feed him, too.

Oh, yes, the little woodchuck was an animal who had a very good time at feeding time, riding on the food cart, and running all about and doing just as he wished.

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