

# The Oregon Woman's Journal.

## News and Criticism of Especial Interest to Mothers, Maidens and Young Women.

[This department is dedicated to unfranchised, unrepresented, silent, patient and devoted womanhood of Oregon. Communications relating to organization of woman's clubs solicited.]

### NATIONAL MOTHERS' CONGRESS.

Program of the First One Ever Held at Washington, D. C.

"Every home a school and every parent an educator," is what this call for a National Congress of Mothers means to say. The great innovation which marked a culture epoch at the beginning of the present century was that of admitting womankind to the schoolroom. At the close of this century we find that womankind who stepped out from the individual home to help mother the children of the state, is returning and bringing the school back with her into the home.

The National Congress of Mothers had its birth at Chautauqua in the summer of 1896. On Wednesday, February 17, at 11 o'clock, Mrs. Cleveland will give a reception at the White House to the delegates. Among the speakers on the program, are the following:

- Hamilton Cushing, whose subject is: "Mother and Child in Primitive Life."
- Mrs. Carter Carter, Blowing Rock, N. C., "Mothers Among the Mountain Whites."
- Mrs. Lucy Bainbridge, New York City, "Mothers of the Submerged Classes."
- Anthony Comstock, "How to Guard the Young Against Bad Literature."
- G. Stanley Hall, "Some of the Practical Results of Child Study."
- Miss A. Schriver, of the Michigan State Normal "Nature Study in the Home."
- Hamilton Mabie, "The Value of Great Literature for the Young."
- Amalie Hofer, "What the Kindergarten Means to Mothers."
- Mrs. Ellen Henrietta, "Club Organization."
- Mrs. W. F. Crafts, "Mother and Schools."

Jenness Miller, "Mothers' Relation to Sound Physical Development of Youth."

Margaret E. Sangster, "Reading Courses for Mothers."

Rev. W. A. Bartlett, Lowell, Mass., "Influence of Music in the Development of Character."

Mrs. Catton, Falkland, N. C., "A National Training School for Mothers."

Among others who have been invited to take part in the discussions are: Mrs. Blatch, Bishop Vincent, Miss Frances E. Newton and Mrs. Moque, of Washington.

### TELL THE TRUTH TO CHILDREN.

In answer to the query, "Is a promise made to a child more or less binding than one made to a grown person?" Hal Owen writes The Womens Journal:

How can you ask such a question? Excuse me, but it seems to me, to preserve truth, perfect truth with the children, is a sacred charge. Never, as you value their faith in you, as you value your own faith in God, tell anything but the exact truth to a child. Do not, by word or deed, deceive him.

Often there comes to me in this connection a story I once heard from the pulpit: A little boy was very fond of driving with his parents. Of course, it was not always convenient or wise to take him with them. Instead of having the child understand this fairly and squarely, having a little cry over it, if necessary, until he could realize that crying did not avail, as it never should, these wicked parents—I will call them so—would tell the little trusting fellow that they were not going to ride, that they were going to stay at home, and that he might go with his nurse. Then, when he was out of sight, they would sneak off. How could they help feeling mean? Well, this wicked success, as they thought, for several times, until one day during his walk the child saw his father and mother driving, whereupon he doubled up his little fists, and his

little face grew very red, as with tears in his eyes, he exclaimed with deep feeling: "There go the two biggest liars in this town!"

### FOR MOTHER'S CLUBS.

Mrs. Alice McElrney writes thus of the importance of mother's clubs:

The children are crying to us, and when mothers will place, in imagination, their own babies and little ones in the haunts whence issue those most piteous cries, then the world will see an uprising against the power of darkness, the like of which was never seen before. The savage mother will fight for her offspring and sacrifice her life, if need be, in their defense.

The civilized mother will do as much, and more, for with the glimmering in her soul of that dawn which is coming with the brotherhood of man, her heart will yearn with maternal affection over each child of God's because it is God's, because it shares with her own little ones the common heritage of youth and helplessness, and because only through its highest development can the world be redeemed from its bondage to sin and poverty. O mothers, and all ye who hear the cry, cease not calling upon the world to heed it until the world recognizes that all its splendor is but as Dead Sea ashes, compared to the joy which would come from the existence of a universally happy, wholesome childhood with its rare promises to the future.

We suggest that mothers' clubs be formed everywhere and that these occasionally call parents' meetings. A club can be organized by any women in any condition of life who may desire to enter upon this work. She can call her friends together or she can present the subject to any organization of which she is already a member.

### THE FASHION'S FOR LENT.

While the Lenten season brings with it dull and somber colors, as if to make the Easter styles all the more brilliant by contrast, yet it is preceded by a brief spell in which the color scheme of late winter is carried to its highest development.

The styles at present represent the close of the late winter and are, if possible, more brilliant and striking than all of those previously worn this season.

Some of the new skirts are flounced, some are flounced midway and more novel designs are flounced to the waist. At the same time these house gowns have grown simpler and smoother. A great many new creations are just Bell skirts, but the amount of flouncing and trimming required offsets the simplicity of the cut and makes the toilet equally expensive in regard to material, and much more expensive on account of the immense amount of needlework required.

Epaulettes are still good form, for both outdoor and indoor costumes, and transparent sleeves, which are a logical consequence of the bolero, are eminently correct for household wear. In the new sleeves many of the designs are quite curious. A noticeable one this week was made of two kinds of chiffon. One was of lizard green and the other was pink. They fitted the body very neatly and at the shoulder were slightly puffed, then drawn in till they met the arms and followed these snugly to the wrist. They were wrinkled all the way and draped so as to give the impression of being wrapped or wound around the arm.

The contrast between the two brilliant colors of the material and of the white arm, which shows vaguely through the interstices, was extremely striking and rather pretty.

This harlequin style is not confined to sleeves. Many of the evening gown bodices and even skirts are marked by this ancient and semi-humorous mode of treatment.

A bolero for the theatre seen in a

Fifth avenue atelier was of black satin and rose pink ribbon, alternating with cream colored lace and a very strong and heavy binding or edging on the one side.

On the other it was of white and light rose pink satin, of black lace and passementerie, and a heavy embossed braiding or edging of an artistic pattern.

The colors were practically reversed in their transfer, and upon the eye of the observer gave the feeling of surprise which prompted curiosity. It was only when the curious transposition was noticed, that an explanation was afforded to the mind.

### WOMEN, HOME AND SCHOOL.

The state legislature, of Idaho, has just selected Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell, of Idaho Falls, as chaplain for the coming season. She is the third woman who has filled that position in this country the first having been Rev. Phoebe A. Hanaford, of New York city.

The Nebraska legislature has defeated woman suffrage by a vote reported to be 56 to 36. For the first time the Populists espoused the woman's cause, while the Republicans and Democrats were in the opposition.

Miss Mary Bannister Willard, who is giving kindergarten instruction to President Cleveland's little daughters, is a niece of Miss Frances E. Willard. Her father, Oliver Willard, was editor of a Chicago paper. He died, leaving to his widow the care of four small children. Mrs. Willard was a daughter of Professor Bannister, who had held the chair of Hebrew in the Divinity school at the Northwestern university.

In celebration of the forthcoming jubilee of the Queen, it is proposed by a party of gentlemen, with the Prince of Wales at their head, to raise a fund of \$10,000,000 for the maintenance of the public hospitals of London.

Five more women, wives of Cuban patriots, have been cast into jail in Havana. Thus, with the disruption of homes, the massacre of little boys and girls, and the burning of hospitals, the standards of Spain are steadily advancing. Spanish chivalry is afield again, and overwhelms everything but its enemies in arms.

State Supt. Henry Sabin of Iowa, writes in the kindergarten magazine on the importance of common things: "I have learned to feel that whatever adds to the comfort of those we love, though it may be but the darning of a stocking, or the making of a loaf of bread, is quite as useful and honorable, and if done in the right spirit, as pleasant as learning a Latin lesson or reading a book."

It is not creditable to the Oregon legislature that women are relegated to the committee clerkships. In nearly all legislatures we read of women employed in the more responsible positions of assistant clerk, calendar clerk, journal clerk, mail clerk and all the committee clerkships besides.

There are some new women who seem to be all right. For instance: a woman in Dahlonega, Ga., whose husband died a year ago, leaving her with nine children to support, is running her farm at a profit and putting money in the bank. She thinks that many other farmers could do the same if they worked intelligently and spent less money for liquor and tobacco.

Most women of spirit, breadth, or force contain a large element of bohemianism, which they are only too glad to display when they are confident of meeting with sympathy.

When a wife becomes a mere bundle of nerves, she is more interesting as a morbid specimen of womanhood

than she is tolerable as a companion. Some of the most dissatisfied wives in the world are those whom their husbands leave entirely free to do whatever they choose.

The past few years have been notable in literature for the rise of women writers. In this country some of the best of the current literary work, especially of fiction, is being done by women. Among these Mrs. Eva Wilder Brodhead is rapidly taking a conspicuous place, and it is thought that Mrs. Brodhead's new novel, "Bound In Shallows," which the Harpers are soon to bring out will add to the reputation she has already won. It is said to be a careful reproduction of Kentucky life, and to contain accurate studies of character and situations of dramatic interest.

Archibald. "Some astronomers say that Mars is signalling some other planet."

Mary. "Maybe that is why Saturn has her ring of lights—to show that she's engaged."

"I may lead a wild life," said Jiggers, "but I'll tell you one thing: I take care about the people my boys associate with."

"I know you do," said Hawkins.

"I've observed that you spend very little time with 'em yourself, old man, and I honor you for it."

Mr. F. M. French of Albany received a beautiful iron medal in honor of his father's service in the Indian war of 1862. It is engraved on the sides: "Presented by the state of Minnesota to F. M. French, son of Columbia French." Mr. French receiving it on account of being the oldest son of his deceased father; "Defender Fort Ridgeway Tayo-nakapi. Aug. 18-27, 1862." The Indian was the Sioux cry that the fort would not open its doors. The medal is one Mr. French values highly.

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### THE LEGISLATURE.

Baker and Malheur—Will R. King (Peo.)  
Benton and Lincoln—Tolbert Carter (Rep.)  
Clackamas—Geo. C. Brownwell (Rep.)  
Clackamas and Marion—Alonzo Gesner (Rep.)  
Clatsop—John H. Smith (Dem.)  
Columbia, Washington and Tillamook—G. W. Patterson (Rep.)  
Cook, Curry and Josephine—C. E. Harmon (Rep.)  
Crook, Klamath and Lake—B. Daly (Dem.)  
Douglas—A. W. Reed (Rep.)  
Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco—E. B. Duffer (Dem.)  
Grant, Harney and Morrow—A. W. Gowen (Rep.)  
Jackson—S. H. Holt (Peo.)  
Lane—I. D. Driver (Rep.) \*J. H. McClung (Rep.)  
Linn—S. A. Dawson (Rep.) \*A. J. Johnson (Rep.)  
Marion—W. H. Hobson (Rep.) \*I. L. Patterson (Rep.)  
Multnomah—Geo. W. Bates (Rep.)  
J. E. Haseltine (Mitch. Rep.)  
Donald MacKay (Rep.)  
Ben Selling (Rep. and Taxpayers' League), \*Joseph Simon (Rep.)  
Polk—B. F. Mulkey (Rep.)  
Sherman and Wasco—John Mitchell (Rep.)  
Umatilla—A. R. Price (Rep.)  
Union and Walla—Justus Wade (Peo.)  
Washington—S. Hughes (Rep.)  
Yamhill—J. F. Calbreath (Rep.)  
\*Holders elected in 1894.

Candidates for president—A. J. Johnson, of Linn, I. L. Patterson, of Marion, and Joseph, Simon, of Multnomah.

Baker—D. W. Yoakum (Peo.)  
Benton—John Whitaker (Rep.)  
Benton and Lincoln—E. R. Lake (Rep.)  
Clackamas—W. S. U'Ren (Peo.)  
Geo. Ogle (Peo.)  
Clatsop—John E. Grate (Dem.)  
N. J. Svindeth (Peo.)  
Columbia—Norman Merrill (Rep.)  
Cook—Thos. Buckman (Peo.)  
Cook and Curry—W. H. Nosler (Peo.)  
Crook—R. E. Misner (Dem.)  
Douglas—A. M. Crawford (Rep.)  
T. Bridges (Rep.)  
Geo. W. Riddle (Rep.)  
Gilliam—E. David (Rep.)  
Grant and Harney—C. S. Dustin (Peo.)  
Jackson—G. F. Schmiedlein (Peo.)  
J. J. Howser (Peo.)  
Nat Langell (Rep.)  
Josephine—Henry L. Benson (Rep.)  
Klamath and Lake—Virgil Conn (Rep.)  
Lane—L. Bilyeu (Dem.)  
D. G. Palm (Rep.)  
T. J. Vaughan (Rep.)  
Linn—John M. Somers (Rep.)  
Union—S. Smith (Peo.)  
T. M. Munke (Peo.)  
Malheur—I. W. Hope (Rep.)  
Marion—H. L. Barkley (Rep.)  
E. W. Chapman (Rep.)  
David Craig (Rep.)  
McKinley Mitchell (Rep.)  
J. N. Smith (Rep.)  
Morrow—J. N. Brown (Rep.)  
Multnomah—J. B. Bayer (Rep.)  
Jonathan Bourne, Jr. (Mitch. Rep.)  
Peo. James N. Davis (Rep.)  
H. Hill (Rep. and Taxpayers' League),  
H. A. Hogue (Taxpayers' League and Mitchell Rep.),  
A. L. Maxwell (Rep.),  
D. L. Fovey (Rep.),  
W. E. Thomas (Mitch. Rep.)  
Henry Wagner (Mitch. Rep.)  
Polk—J. J. Lee (Dem.),  
J. A. Venness (Rep.)  
Sherman and Wasco—B. S. Huntington (Rep.),  
F. N. Jones (Rep.)  
Tillamook and Yamhill—John Gill (Peo. and Union Bimetallist).  
Umatilla—E. J. Davis (Rep.),  
J. S. Gunder (Rep.)  
W. T. Rigby (Rep.)  
Union—J. W. McAllister (Peo.),  
F. S. Stanley (Rep.)  
Walla—C. E. Jennings (Rep.)  
Washington—Harvey S. Hudson (Rep.),  
G. W. Marsh (Rep.),  
J. R. C. Thompson (Rep.)  
Yamhill—H. G. Guild (Union Bimetallist),  
O. C. Emery (Union Bimetallist).

\*Seat will be contested by J. Huntington, Gold Beach.  
Candidates for speaker: J. N. Brown of Morrow, H. L. Benson of Josephine, Jonathan Bourne, Multnomah, G. W. Riddell, of Douglas.

### RECAPITULATION.

Number of Representatives.....	60
Democrats.....	34
Peoples.....	4
Mitchell Republicans.....	14
Republican and Taxpayers' League.....	2
Mitchell Republican and Peoples.....	1
Union Bimetallist.....	1
Taxpayers' League and Mitchell Republican.....	3
Number of Senators.....	30
Republicans.....	20
Democrats.....	2
Peoples.....	3
Mitchell Republicans.....	3
Republican and Taxpayers' League.....	1
Union Bimetallist.....	1
Number of members.....	90
Republicans.....	50
Democrats.....	5
Peoples.....	7
Mitchell Republicans.....	17

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