ONLY WOMAN'S PAGES

OFFICERS AND GUESTS OF HONOR WHO WILL BE ON THE PLATFORM TO-DAY DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

PECOS BILL SHAFTER'S "NO."

SANTIAGO'S BLUFF HERO SAYS WOMEN SHOULD NOT VOTE.

MAJOR KIMBALL AGREES WITH THE GENERAL, AND TELLS WHAT HE HAS SEEN IN WYOMING.

Though General Shafter was suffering with chills and fever at his headquarters at Governor's Island yesterday, he consented to see a representative of The Tribune and talk about woman suffrage and the widening sphere of man's helpmeet.

"I am totally opposed to woman suffrage," he said, and then, as if to add more emphasis to his statement, he added, "decidedly and totally opposed to it. I think that the men look after the women, and they are the ones to attend to political affairs. It is not a question of lack of competency, but I think that on general principles women ought to keep out of politics, and, indeed, some men as well. I have voted but once in thirty years, and have no desire to do so. I never discuss politics, but do not hesitate to express my opinion on this."

The General said that he did not believe Clara Barton would have done better work at the head of the Commissary Department than the official who held that important place.

"I do not believe," he said, "that she or any other woman could manage the commissary better than it was managed at Santiago, for the ablest and best officers in the Army had it under control. A competent woman would do better than some men, doubtless, but a woman could not drive a six-mule team and a few other things. Some of the things she can do admirably she proved during the war."

The interview ended because of a severe chill with which the General was seized. His daughter, who is devoted to him and is deeply interested in all that he does, put him to bed immediately and called Colonel Burns, who is the surgeon on General Shafter's staff. The surgeon said that the attack was not a dangerous one, though the malaria that caused it would probably remain with him for some time, to remind him of his Cuban campaign.

Major J. Kimball, United States Army, was of the same opinion as General Shafter on the question of woman suffrage.

"I think our suffrage is too nearly universal now," he said, "and to allow women to vote would only complicate matters. If only educated and competent women were given the ballot it would be all right, but I have lived in Wyoming and have seen some of the results of universal suffrage, when the carriage from the corner saloon took the cook and chambermaid to the polls and their mistress remained at home. We ought to demand an educational and monetary qualification, and then let women vote. This would bring to us the intelligent voters from both sides."

THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

"Equal Suffrage Day" was celebrated yesterday at the Mechanics' Fair in Boston. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, president of the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association, presided, and there were short speeches by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe and Mrs. Charlotte P. Stetson.

Miss Helen Varick Boswell spoke last night at the Liberal Republican Club, One-hundred-and-forty-ninth-st. and Amsterdam-ave. There was a large audience of both men and women, who greeted Miss Boswell with enthusiasm. Charles H. Treat, A. H. Steel, Frank Moss and Colonel Dennison made patriotic speeches.

The regular meeting of the Women's Health Protective Association will be held at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the Academy of Medicine, No. 17 West Forty-third-st.

W. E. Griffis will give an illustrated lecture on "The United States and the Pacific Ocean" at 8 o'clock this evening, in the hall of the American Museum of Natural History, Seventy-seventh-st. and Eighth-ave. This lecture will be free to the public.

The Kosmos Club, of Brooklyn, will hold its first meeting of the season to-day at the home of Miss Halstead, in Pacific-st.

A fair in aid of the funds of the Industrial School Association of the Eastern District of Brooklyn will open to-day at the Knapp Mansion, Bedford-ave. and Rossell, and will be continued for three days. The Board of Managers, which is composed of many of the leading women of Brooklyn, is confident that the fair will add greatly to the fund of the institution. For forty-four years the association has been doing faithful work in aiding the deserving poor.

The history class connected with the Alumnæ Association of Miss Whitcomb's Seminary, of Brooklyn, will hold its first meeting of the autumn at No. 39 Remsen-st. this morning at 10 o'clock.

There will be a meeting of All Souls' Universalist Woman's League this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Miss Jane Leavens will read a paper on "The Art of Conversation," to be followed by Miss Laura V. Rooke with an article on "The French Salon."

A bazaar meeting of the Professional Woman's League will be held from 8 to 11 o'clock this morning at the headquarters, No. 1269 Broadway. There will be sewing and refreshments.

The portraits given in the heading to-day are of women who will attend the convention of the New-York State Federation of Women's Clubs, which convenes to-day at Mendelssohn Hall. Mrs. William B. Lowe, of Atlanta, the president of the General Federation, and Mrs. Philip N. Moore, of St. Louis, the treasurer of the General Federation, come as guests of the New-York State Federation. Mrs. Ida K. Church is the recording secretary, and Mrs. M. H. Northrup is the treasurer of the State Federation, both of whom will give their reports at the opening session this morning.

It was stated in The Tribune on Saturday that Miss Anna Maxwell Jones was president of the association in charge of the annual floral parade at Saratoga. The notice should have read that Miss Jones was at one time vice-president, and is now corresponding secretary of the association.

AFFAIRS AT THE LEAGUE.

MRS. M'AULEY'S WILL TALKED ABOUT AND FEDERATION SPEAKERS DECIDED UPON.

Death has claimed many of the members of the Professional Woman's League during the last year, and the card announcing that another woman's life is finished and that her spirit has gone to join the "silent voices of the past" is only too familiar. The tender words, "She is not dead, but sleepeth," which appear beneath the name filled in on the blank left for it, are sad but comforting to those who wish ever that the sleeper would wake and be with them once more.

Many of the effects of Rachel McAuley were exhibited at the League yesterday, and the friends who miss her were eagerly anxious to possess some souvenir that would be as a memorial of her and could be treasured in their homes. Mrs. McAuley's will appoints as executors and trustees Henry C. Lawrence and Winston H. Hazen. The League is to receive all her books on drama, acting, etc., and $25. The same sum of money is to go to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, New-York. A niece of her husband, John J. McAuley, who is a resident of Louisville, Ky., is to receive the silverware, and the rest of her books (except those on Christian Science, which go to Laura Humber) will become the property of Bernard McAuley. Personal effects are designed for Anna J. C. Nelson, Ella S. Shirley

THE FAVORITE PHOTOGRAPH OF MRS. RACHEL M'AULEY.

and Susan M. Warner, while to the latter is left $500, to be used in caring for Mrs. McAuley's old colored servant during her lifetime and in providing for her burial. The remainder of the estate will be divided among Mr. McAuley's heirs.

Mrs. A. M. Palmer, the president of the Professional Woman's League, said yesterday that nearly every member of the League had been left some souvenir by Mrs. McAuley. All of her theatrical costumes, as well as those of her husband, have been given to the League, and several were on exhibition yesterday.

As next Thursday will be "Drama Day" at the convention of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, it was announced yesterday at the League that Mrs. A. M. Palmer, Miss Mary Shaw and Mrs. Edwin Knowles would speak on that day. Mrs. Palmer's address will be on the subject, "Would You Advise a Girl to Go Upon the Stage?"

"Aunt Louisa" Eldridge was the life of the party that gathered around the theatrical wardrobes on exhibition, and she edified her hearers by telling how she called upon Queen Victoria lately to match England's crown with the crowns on exhibition at the League. "There was not a wig on the table she had not worn, she declared, and she was not one bit disconcerted when a high falsetto voice said, 'Oh, Aunt Louisa, heaven forgive you!'"

NURSES APPOINT DELEGATES.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Trained Nurses' Club, No. 104 West Forty-first-st., to appoint delegates to the Federation convention, commencing to-day in New-York, and to perfect plans for the six, the members are to give to the other visiting delegates. Those appointed yesterday were Mrs. M. H. Willard, president of the Club; Miss May Palmer and Miss Fanny Edwards.

"Tea" will be given on Thursday, and the nurses will receive dressed in their uniforms. They are graduates from American, English, Irish and Scotch schools, and their uniforms will be distinctly representative of those institutions as well as of the different countries they hail from. The pink color of blue will burn largely in the decorations, and there will be sunny carnations and pink ribbons in abundance. Miss Eva McCosh will be chairman of the Entertainment and Mrs. Mary Parke chairman of the Reception Committee.

NEW WAY TO SETTLE STRIKES.

There is a serious report that many prominent society women have pledged support to the proposed cooperative establishment in the interests of the striking Ladies' Tailors' Union. If the innovation succeeds, many of the tailors will be given employment at fair wages and reasonable hours, while the sanitary condition of the workrooms will be given special attention.

The officers of the Club have the active support of the Social Reform Club, which is giving aid and advice in perfecting plans. It has been informally decided that the tailors employed in this shop will not be paid by piecework, but shall receive a salary of $18 a week in all seasons. In the busy season they will work nine hours a day, and only the most competent men will be employed.

The union confidently expects the support of the Consumers' League, of which Mrs. Frederick Nathan is president. One of the strikers was asked yesterday to fit a dress for a well-known society woman at the home of Mrs. Nathan. The president declares there is much to be hoped for from the taking up of the good cause by the Federation of Women's Clubs this week.

The assistance of James Rhodes, of Lawrence, Mass., an authority on the cooperative system, has been solicited, and it is expected that within two weeks the proposed plans will assume tangible form.

TRIBUNE SUNSHINE SOCIETY.

GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.

If each man in his measure
Would do a brother's part
To cast a ray of sunlight
Into a brother's heart,
How changed would be our country,
How changed would be our poor;
And then might Christian nations
Deserve the name once more.
—(Princess May of Teck.

Sent by E. B.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

Mrs. D. Van Winkle, of Hackensack, N. J.; A. Z., of Long Island City, and F. I. Suydam, of Dunellen, N. J., offer to assist with sunshine work; Mrs. A. Marsh, of this city, notifies the office of reading matter distributed; W. Cowper Baker, of Cresskill, N. J., reports the receipt of a T. S. S. pin; E. W. C., of Binghamton, N. Y., notifies the office of birthday gifts sent to an invalid child member; she also incloses a poem and applies for membership; Mrs. Sydney Evans, of Morganton, N. C., reports sunshine distributed and makes a request; John Gardiner, of Utica, N. Y., writes of reading matter sent to various T. S. S. members; Ruth Reid, of Hudson, Ohio, sends original poem; J. Augustus Rice, of Bethlehem, Penn., notifies the office of a contribution forwarded for Sunshine children, and he also sent regular monthly dues; Hattie Webster, of Londonderry, N. H., acknowledges the receipt of a remittance from the office; Mrs. A. A. Newell, of Albany, N. Y., writes in reference to an unacknowledged money contribution; Mrs. C. M. Lefler, of Gloversville, N. Y., makes an inquiry; Evas C. Guthrie, of St. Regis, N. Y., applies for membership; Mrs. John H. Morgan, of Buckhead, Ga., writes in reference to a new T. S. S. branch; Miss Fannie Burrows, of East Stroudsburg, Penn., notifies the office of her removal to No. 2,155 Fifth-ave., New-York; Mrs. T. F. Hibbard, of Brooklyn, expresses thanks for her Sunshine badge; Mrs. Marie Johns, of Jackson, Mich., makes a request; Miss Kate Hawkins, of Edson, N. Y., desires embroidery silks for sunshine work; Mrs. Luther Scroggs, of Mount Vernon, Ky., proposes two new members; Mrs. Spencer Sickmond, of Clyde, N. Y., writes of a contribution sent to the office; Miss E. Spooner, of Stanton, Fla., proposes two new members for her branch; Mrs. Sadie E. Draper, of Groton, N. H., sends dues for 1899; M. A. Q., of Auburn, Me., reports sunshine received for an invalid boy and gifts distributed to other Sunshine members; Mrs. A. M. Adams, of East Orange, N. J., asks for information.

A SUNSHINE LOSS.

It was learned yesterday that the check for $10 received by the Sunshine Society on April 28 and acknowledged in the column on April 29 was not intended for the Sunshine fund, consequently it was turned over to the treasurer of The Tribune, who will see that the money reaches the place for which it was intended. It was a great loss to the society, and the headquarters therefore did not seem so bright yesterday afternoon as generally. To lose $10 worth of sunshine is a most serious thing.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The following articles have been sent to the office: A work bag of brown and gold cretonne, with various compartments filled with spool and darning cotton, tape, needles, pins, buttons, two pinballs and several pieces of chamois, from Mrs. Margaret N. Goodnow, of Salem, Ill. Accompanying this gift was an original verse by the sender. Five boxes of candy came from J. Augustus Rice, of Bethlehem, Penn.; a game and six books from Willie Painter; three table mats from Mrs. S. Sickmond, of Clyde, N. Y.; reading matter from J. R., Mrs. F. O. Sherman, of Yonkers, and other T. S. S. members, who have not sent their names with the packages; silk pieces came without a name; pretty pink satin handkerchief case from M. E. Hinds, of this city; twenty-five paper-covered novels and photographs from Mrs. A. Marsh, of this city; a box of silk pieces from C. D.; two linen books from Edna B. Smith, of Brooklyn; a box of fragrant flowers from Mrs. S. Evans, of Morgantown, N. C.; silk pieces from F. B. N., of Brooklyn; photographs of scenes in North Carolina; a crocheted pinball and braid tidy from Emma F. Roberts, of Brooklyn, and scrap-pictures and cards from T. W. S., of Waterford, Conn.

SUNSHINE DISTRIBUTED.

Silk and velvet pieces for sunshine work were sent to Mrs. James H. Shawe, of Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island; A. Z., of Long Island City; Emma F. Roberts, of Brooklyn; Mrs. D. Van Winkle, of Hackensack, N. J.; Mrs. Caroline M. Crosley and M. P. Pascal, of this city; a pink crocheted shawl to Mrs. P. D. Johnston, of Hightstown, N. J.; Woman's Pages to Mrs. E. M. Spooner, of Stanton, Fla.; music to F. I. Suydam, of Dunellen, N. J.; silk and squares for patch work to Mrs. Luther Scroggs, Miss Lena McClure and Mrs. Emma Taylor, all of Mount Vernon, Ky.; embroidery silks to Miss Kate E. Hawkins, of Edson, N. Y.

The book sent by M. E. H., of Torrington, Conn., for Mary Eleanor Fry, was forwarded to the Post Graduate Hospital, Twentieth-st. and Second-ave.

SUNSHINE FUND.

J. Augustus Rice sent $1 as his dues for November, with which was inclosed the following sentiment: "The secret of a happy life is in doing good to others."

The Sunshine Society has much evidence that Mr. Rice must be a "happy man," as his benefactions to the T. S. S. are frequent and generous.

Mrs. M. M. Painter, of Brooklyn, has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to pay a visit to the Sunshine staff. She brought the $8.50 additional money received from the sale of articles left from the Sunshine fair. She took away with her worsted for crochet work and silk pieces for pincushions—all of which she will make up for Christmas greetings.

Mrs. R. F. Hudson, of Brooklyn, has taken material to make three beautiful Sunshine shopping-bags. Mrs. Hudson made a pleasant call at the Sunshine office, and from there went to visit an invalid member, Mrs. Young, of No. 2,013 Fifth-ave., this city. She carried with her a beautiful bunch of autumn flowers.

The State president of the Connecticut T. S. S., Mrs. Scofield, sends the names of seventy-five new members.

POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED.

The Society for Political Study met yesterday afternoon at the Tuxedo, with the announced subject, "The Police Department," for consideration and discussion. In the absence of the president the vice-president, Mrs. Sanderlin Smith, took the chair. Dr. Jessie P. Bogle gave the paper of the afternoon, dwelling particularly on the question as to whether the best results were to be obtained by having one head to the Department, four Commissioners, or an odd number, so that danger of a deadlock might be happily averted. At the close of Dr. Bogle's talk the society resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Mrs. Jackson as chairman. Reviewing Dr. Bogle's paper, Mrs. Jackson thought that police matrons should be made members of the force. To the question, "Why not have a matron in every station?" Mrs. Jackson answered that arrests of women were so uncommon that there was no need of spending unnecessary money to have matrons in every station-house. Under the new regime, twenty new matrons are to be appointed, but only two or three are needed in New-York. There are three stations already in New-York where matrons have practically nothing to do.

Mrs. Bates, referring to the allegation that policemen took bribes, declared that she did not blame them for taking money, considering the modest quacy of their salaries. If she had a husband who was a policeman, and she and her children needed money, she should blame him if he did not.

This raised a series of demurs on the part of the society, voiced by Miss Hendricks declaring that as a society it y must enter an earnest protest against condoning anything that smacked of dishonesty. Mrs. Antoinette Brown Blackwell thought that there were two ways of looking at matters. Do the best you can practically, and try to influence public opinion so as to elevate public sentiment, she advised. Dr. Miles, Mrs. Burgoyne, Miss Rikel and others took part in the discussion, which was summed up by Mrs. Bedell in the axiomatic statement, "A policeman's life is not a happy one."

PORTRAIT OF THE CHRIST FACE.

"The Christ Face in Art, and How It Was Found in Nature" was the subject of a charming lecture given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Lucenia J. Bacon before the Daughters of the Confederacy, at the Windsor. Two musical numbers, rendered by Miss Elise Lathrop and Mr. Sullivan, preceded the lecture.

Introduced by Mrs. J. Gielow, Mrs. Bacon began her talk with a humorous account of her passion for collecting souvenirs of travel, which would fain have included the great bell of the Kremlin, had space permitted. She then graphically sketched the story of her trip in 1890 to Oberammergau, in Bavaria, and her finding of the marvellous stone portrait of the Christ face near the scene of the "Passion Play." A description of the reception of this natural phenomenon by scientists and kings, with never an adverse criticism, and a cursory, but graphic account of the different pictures of the Christ made the lecture one of unusual interest. At the close of Mrs. Bacon's talk the stone was viewed by her audience. It is a piece of limestone of a yellowish brown tint, shaped like a human heart. It is one inch long and three-quarters of an inch broad. The surface is corrugated with no suggestions of features, but the irregularities cast shadows, and the blending of light with these shadows forms a cameo face with a startling resemblance to the accepted type of Christ pictures.

KANSAS STATE FEDERATION.

SOME OF THE CLUBS REPRESENTED AND THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED.

The second annual meeting of the Kansas Seventh District Federation of Clubs will be held at Kingman to-day and to-morrow. Delegates and visitors will be met at the station by members of the Kingman clubs and escorted to the First Presbyterian Church, where the sessions will be held.

The programme consists of discussions on the affairs of the home, the public school, the church and the problem of environment. Among those who are to take a prominent part is Belle Weimer Burkett, the president of the Seventh District Federation. To-morrow's meeting will be opened by Mrs. S. R. Peters, president of the State Federation, with a general talk on the biennial. Mrs. Sallie Toler, of Wichita, will follow with a discussion of civics and literature at the biennial, and an interesting feature of the afternoon will be a parliament, reporting woman's progress in home life, education, citizenship, journalism and in this federation.

The officers and Board of Directors of the federation are: President, Mrs. Belle W. Burkett, Kingman; vice-presidents, Mrs. M. M. Carson, Wellington, and Miss Carrie Campbell, Mead; secretary, Mrs. Lydie R. Bellings, Kingman; treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Davis, Larned. Chairmen of committees: General Arrangements, Mrs. G. W. Willis; Entertainment, Mrs. J. W. Cookson; Music, Mrs. Morton Albaugh; Reception, Mrs. W. M. Wallace.

The federated clubs of the Seventh District are: Wichita, Hypatia, Library, Astræa, Chautauqua Alumni Association and Musical Club; Newton, Ladies' Reading Circle, Art Union and Themian; Kingman, Nineteenth Century, Twentieth Century and Shakespeare; Hutchinson, Woman's Club and Domestic Science; Wellington, Cary Circle and Pharos; Sterling, Home Culture and M. I. C.; Sedgwick, Athena Club; Larned, Portia; Meade, Arena; Lyons, P. E. O.; McPherson, Biographical Reading Circle, Harper, Social and Study Club; Pratt, The Coterie; Kinsley, Woman's Club; La Crosse, Review Club; Mulvane, Nineteenth Century Circle.

WEDDINGS PAST AND TO COME.

The marriage of Miss Beatrice Orne Wright, daughter of the late Ebenezer Kellogg Wright, president of the National Park Bank and a vestryman of Trinity Church, to George Chapman, of this city, son of George Chapman, who makes his home in Italy, took place at noon yesterday in old Trinity. The Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, the rector, officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, Lawrence W. Wright. The bridesmaids were the bride's cousin, Miss Theodora Comstock; Miss Alice Watson, Miss Mary Soper and Miss Leslie Bright. Mr. Chapman's best man was William G. Hibbard, and the ushers were John Hubbard, Ernst L. Manning, Albert Huldekoper, of Mendville, Penn., and S. Brinckerhoff Thorne. After the ceremony there was a wedding breakfast for the members of the bridal party and immediate relatives at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Josephine Hamilton Wright, No. 172 West Fifty-eighth-st.

The engagement is announced of Miss Augusta McKim Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbert Davies, of No. 22 East Forty-fifth-st., to Louis Mansfield Ogden, son of E. Hudson Ogden, of this city, a graduate of Columbia University, one of the Sons of the Revolution and a member of the Union Club. Miss Davies's mother is a daughter of the late Governor Alexander H. Rice, of Massachusetts, and her father is a son of the late Henry E. Davies, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of New-York.

The wedding of Miss Constance Carryl, daughter of Charles Carryl, of this city, to John Sargent, of Boston, will be celebrated in the chantry of Grace Church to-day.

Mrs. Minnie P. C. Meyer will be married to Benjamin Blossom this afternoon at her home, No. 844 Fifth-ave. Only relatives and personal friends will be present at the ceremony, which will be performed by the Rev. Albert Erdman, of Morristown, N. J.

The marriage of Miss Anna Vondermuhll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Vondermuhll, to Ernest Sarasin, of Basel, Switzerland, will be solemnized at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. A small reception will follow at the home of the bride's parents, No. 211 West Forty-third-st.

The marriage of Miss Ida Sickles, daughter of General Daniel Sickles, of this city, to Dayrell E. M. Crackanthorpe, Third Secretary of the British Embassy at Madrid, whose engagement was announced several months ago, took place on Saturday last at Irun, in Guipuzcoa, Spain. General Sickles's daughter has lived abroad all her life, and was educated in a Spanish convent. Two years ago she came to New-York on a visit to her father, and remained with him a year. Mr. Crackanthorpe is the eldest son of the Hon. Montague Crackanthorpe, Q. C., one of the leaders of the English bar, who accompanied Lord Chief Justice Russell to this country a couple of years ago, when they were guests of the American Bar Association.

Announcement is made of the wedding of Miss Corinne Robert and Passed Assistant Engineer De Witt Clinton Redgrave, U. S. N., on Wednesday, October 26, at the country home of the bride's father, at Haworth, N. J. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph T. Robert, uncle of the bride. Miss Portia Robert, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Clarence V. Fowler was best man. Mrs. Redgrave is the daughter of Colonel Henry M. Robert, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

Savannah, Oct. 31.—The social event of the season in Savannah was the marriage at noon to-day of Miss Mabel Gordon to Rowland Leigh, of London. Miss Gordon is the youngest daughter of General William W. Gordon, a member of the Porto Rican Peace Commission. Mr. Leigh is the youngest son of Lord Leigh, of Stone Leigh Abbey, Warwickshire, and his home is in London. The marriage took place in Christ Episcopal Church, the ceremony being performed by the Very Rev. and Honorable James Leigh, Dean of Hereford Cathedral, assisted by the Rev. Robb White, rector of the church. Following the ceremony there was a wedding breakfast and a reception at the Gordon home, at Bull and Oglethorpe ave. Miss Alice Parker, of New-Jersey, was maid of honor, and Marion Thompson, Merion Penn, and Elizabeth Parker, of Washington, cousins of the bride, were bridesmaids.

OHIO'S TWO HUNDRED CLUBS.

A council of the executive boards and club presidents in attendance at the Ohio Federation of Woman's Clubs at Cleveland met last week in the assembly hall of the Chittenden, in a sort of "round table" conference. It was reported that forty-two clubs have joined the federation in the last year, and that now there are in the State more than two hundred federated clubs.

"The Department Club" was spoken of by Mrs. Sarah M. Perkins, the well-known representative of many organizations of women in Cleveland. Dr. Anna Law, of Toledo, also spoke on this subject.

The George Washington Memorial Commission convened on Wednesday. This body has for its purpose the promoting of the movement for erecting the university so long talked about. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Brice delivered a paper on the George Washington Memorial. Mrs. George S. Vickery, the recording secretary, reported the distribution in Ohio of 2,500 copies of Mrs. Brice's address given last year at the State Federation meeting.

The decorations of the Assembly Hall, where the meetings have been held, have been particularly striking and beautiful. The platform and stairways were adorned with fine palms, and along the walls of the hallways quantities of white and yellow chrysanthemums were massed. The afternoon reception on Thursday was held in the gymnasium of the Ohio State University, where the decorations were also elaborate. Plants were largely used, while plants filled niches and cut flowers adorned the glittering tables.

WOMEN IN NEWSPAPER WORK.

Good-fellowship and happiness characterized the first meeting of the season of the Woman's Press Club, held Saturday afternoon in the Chapter Room at Carnegie Hall. There was a large attendance of members and their guests, and everybody was glad to see everybody else. The programme for the club's entertainment was arranged by Mrs. M. K. Perkins and Mlle. H. S. Corradi. It included papers on women in journalism and war, and what woman may attain, by Mrs. Eliza P. Heaton, Miss Margherita A. Hamm and Mrs. Helen H. Gardener. The music was furnished by Heinrich Kiangenfeld, the violinist, from Canada; Mme. Barry, soprano, and Robert C. Young.

Mrs. Heaton spoke extemporaneously on "Litterateur and Journalist." She said that the work done by women on newspapers was so good, from a literary view, that she wished more of it might be given to the public. That is, that the women engaged in newspaper work had time to write more. She thought if women who are trying to write novels, verse and sketches would enter the field of active journalism, the training gained would be of infinite value. The same qualities in a man that constitute a good newspaper writer go to make a successful newspaper woman. She must be sensitive, have a fine grasp of things as they are, and be able to express them in language clear and simple. Mrs. Heaton thinks that in a newspaper office a woman finds her niche; she is either a good reporter and remains in the field, or she passes through the training and writes magazine articles, stories of travel or verse, having through her newspaper work discovered that for which she is best fitted.

NEW POSTMASTERS IN THIS STATE.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The following were among the fourth-class postmasters appointed to-day:

New-York—Janvier, E. M. Walsh; Kendata, Thomas R. Gibson; Pittsfield, W. H. Todd.

THE NEW BUDGET ADOPTED.

INCREASE OF $14,000,000 OVER THE FIGURES FOR 1898.

PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES WERE CUT DOWN $19,020,185 02—SUMS THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WILL RECEIVE.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment held a meeting in the Mayor's office yesterday afternoon for the purpose of adopting the budget for 1899. The total amount to be raised is $93,520,082 03, but the general fund, it is expected, will amount to about $7,000,000, and this will bring the amount down to about $86,000,000. The gross total of last year exceeded $77,000,000, less the general fund, which exceeded $5,000,000, making the increase this year $14,000,000.

In the estimates for the different departments there is an increase of $3,616,285 68. In the Finance Department's estimates for the payment of interest and the redemption of the principal of the city debt there is an increase of $13,024,573 40, making a total increase of $16,642,859 08. The amount of the general fund—that is, of revenues collected between this time and the time the budget goes into effect, and which goes toward the reduction of the budget—will exceed that of last year, it is estimated, by more than $2,000,000, bringing the increase down to about $14,000,000.

Many of the departments were cut heavily from the amounts asked for. The Board of Education was cut $11,495,284 57 from the provisional estimates, but the amount allowed was $1,036,371 11 more than last year, which will go toward increasing the salaries of teachers. The Department of Highways was cut $8,685,790 30, but still it gets $467,079 32 more than it received last year.

The following are the amounts allowed to the several departments, independent of the sums for the redemption of the city debt and the payment of interest on the principal.

Department.	Allowed for 1898.	Allowed for 1899.	Increase.
Bridges	$385,136 88	$406,522 00	$21,385 12
Buildings	473,829 76	523,268 00	49,435 24
Corrections	681,243 49	704,065 00	22,821 50
Education	12,003,681 04	13,040,052 95	1,036,371 11
Finance	770,423 75	779,391 00	8,967 25
Fire	4,354,022 25	4,443,664 15	89,641 90
Health	991,058 41	1,110,538 49	119,480 08
Highways	2,053,020 38	2,520,099 67	467,079 32
Law	399,758 00	399,758 00	
Parks	1,479,570 89	1,729,235 00	249,664 11
Police	11,359,144 62	11,797,596 90	438,452 28
Pub. H., L. & S.	3,624,314 56	3,617,804 26	
Pub. Charities	1,778,213 00	1,941,215 00	163,002 00
Pub. Improv's.	173,500 00	239,500 00	66,000 00
Sewers	623,455 44	787,479 92	164,024 48
Street Cleaning	3,991,162 40	4,575,800 01	584,637 61
Taxes & Assess	322,990 00	329,290 00	6,000 00
Water Supply	1,322,093 50	1,450,817 17	128,773 67
Totals	$46,786,229 14	$50,396,004 52	$3,116,283 68

Of the increase of $1,036,371 11, there is $832,000 which will go to pay increases in teachers' salaries and to pay new teachers. This is about the amount contemplated by the Ahearn bill, which the Mayor signed and the Governor vetoed. No part of this money can be used for increasing the salaries of teachers of high schools or teachers or supervisors of special branches.

The total amount to be raised to pay interest on the city debt is $11,430,778 74, or the redemption of the principal, $12,046,061 34, making a total of $23,476,840 08. It will also be necessary to raise $7,145,062 96 for the Street and Park Opening Fund, of which $5,968,521 58 is for the Elm-st. widening. Most of this money is returned to the city from assessments.

Taking all items into account the amount to be raised for the city of New-York is $85,710,793 18; for the county of New-York, $6,961,101 09; for Kings County, $2,326,097 88; for Queens, $403,806 14; for Richmond, $118,283 73, making a total of $93,520,082 03.

The total amount cut from the provisional estimates was $19,020,185 02.

THE RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT—AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The annual report of the General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service shows that at the close of the year there were 8,074 clerks employed, and that with the closed pouch and express pouch service the grand total of miles travelled in the service was 285,565,343. Matter so illegibly addressed as to require special attention before delivery could be made, or which could not be delivered at all, amounted to 13,503,486 pieces for the year, 7,655,585 pieces of which were returned to writers or corrected and forwarded to destination, the rest being sent to the Dead Letter Office for disposition. The General Superintendent deplores the fact that the number of casualties last year exceeded the record of any previous year, though the number of fatalities was not so great. There were 397 casualties, in which 7 clerks were killed, 34 seriously injured and 146 slightly injured. It is urged that some provision be made by Congress for the relief of the families of clerks killed while on duty, for the creation of a railway mail service relief fund for the benefit of clerks permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty.

The wisdom of appointing a number of assistant superintendents to inspect star, steamboat and mail messenger routes and screen-wagon service, supervise the weighing of mails, etc., it is said, has been made evident by the result of their work in the year. An innovation is proposed in the way of establishing postal stations in railroad stations, and this and other recommendations have been approved by the Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

A statement as to the part the Railway Mail Service took in the forwarding of mails to and from the military camps and the dispatching of mails to and from the Army and Navy in and around Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands is given, and a long list of improvements and extensions in the service shown.

It is estimated that $8,928,118 will be required for salaries of railway postal clerks for the year ending June 30, 1900, and $4,204,500 for railway post-office cars, exclusive of subsidized lines.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE PROTESTS

ASKS THE PRESIDENT NOT TO TAKE ANY OFFICES OUT OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The Civil Service Reform League has sent a letter to the President, expressing the hope that he will not, as reported in the public press, withdraw a number of places now filled by Civil Service methods from the scope of the Civil Service rules. The letter says in part:

The League submits for your consideration the certainty that such changes, whatever their motive and however plausibly they may be explained by those by whom they are suggested, will be greeted alike by the friends and enemies of the merit system as a step backward—a step the more significant because it will be the first step backward avowedly taken by the executive branch of the Government since the Civil Service law took effect. . . . The merit system in our public administration has proved its worth. Experience has shown that wherever the hostility of appointing or governing officers has not been an impediment, it has improved the personnel of the branches in which it had been established, and reduced the public expense, while in other branches where the rule has not been applied the case has often been notably the reverse.

In the classified force of the departmental service at Washington alone, during the period from 1883 to 1896, the saving effected annually through increased efficiency has been estimated by the official representatives of the Civil Service Commission at more than $3,000,000. We believe that changes whereby positions and classes of positions are now removed permanently from the classified service will be accepted not only as a step backward, but as proof that the system is not regarded by the present Administration as here and here to stay, and will inevitably awaken doubts as to the sincerity of repeated declarations of the party now dominant in National affairs that the law establishing it shall be thoroughly and honestly enforced and extended wherever practicable.

MR. PECK PRESENTED TO M. FAURE.

FRANCE'S PRESIDENT WILL AID THE FAIR COMMISSIONERS—FIVE THOUSAND ADDITIONAL SQUARE FEET OF SPACE SECURED.

Paris, Oct. 31.—The United States Ambassador, General Horace Porter, this morning presented Ferdinand W. Peck, the United States Commissioner to the Paris Exposition of 1900, and the latter's colleagues to President Faure.

The French President at the audience most cordially promised to do everything possible to meet the views of the American Commission, and this evening Commissioner Peck was informed that five thousand additional feet of space had been allotted to the United States, making a total of forty thousand additional feet set apart for the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck, accompanied by Lieutenant A. C. Baker, U. S. N., of the Commissioner's staff, start for London to-morrow on their way to the United States.

Professor Benjamin D. Woodward, the Assistant Commissioner, remains here.

CHARGES OF CHANGING JUDGES' AWARDS

Chicago, Oct. 31.—An Omaha dispatch to "The Times-Herald" says: "A sensation has developed in the Department of Exhibits of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, growing out of the arrest of H. R. Hardt, assistant manager of that department, on two warrants charging him with forgery. He will be arraigned to-morrow. Hardt denies the charges, and in turn declares he will make some countercharges that will cause more of a sensation than his arrest. The warrants for Hardt's arrest were sworn to by H. S. Cochron, representing Scofield, Shamer and Feagle, and H. A. Searle, of the Monarch Manufacturing Company. Both complainants allege that Hardt so changed the awards of the judges that the medals and certificates of merit which should have gone to the firms mentioned went to some other firm."

DIM IMPRESSIONS OF HIS WANDERINGS.

EX-JUDGE DOUGLASS SAYS HIS DISAPPEARANCE WAS NOT PREMEDITATED.

William P. Douglass, Jersey City's missing ex-Police Justice, who returned to his home, No. 16 Brinkerhoff-st., on Saturday night, after an absence of three weeks, yesterday gave out a brief statement for publication. He said that the impression given out by the police at Albany that his disappearance was cleverly planned was unfounded; that when he left Jersey City he had no intention of going away. He took passage on the steamboat to go to Albany, but how or when he left the boat he could not remember. He attributed his action to insomnia and a severe attack of neuralgia. He said he could not remember all he had done or what places he had visited, but he had a pretty clear idea of his wanderings. He did not consider it necessary, however, to take the public into his confidence in these matters, as they concerned no one but himself. His health, physically, he said, had improved during his absence, and he proposed to return to his law business as soon as possible. All he would say about the statements published in regard to his financial circumstances was that his friends had arranged all such matters for him, and he should leave those affairs in their hands.

Mr. Douglass's legal adviser, William F. Midlege, said that the Judge had a very dim idea of his wanderings, so far as his family could gather from his statements.

THE NINTH NOT MUSTERED OUT.

DISCHARGE OF THE REGIMENT FROM UNITED STATES SERVICE POSTPONED.

The 9th Regiment was not mustered out of the service of the United States yesterday, as was expected. The mustering out was set for yesterday, and all of the members of the regiment that could get to the armory were on h