

WOMEN'S CLUBS AWAIT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS SOCIETY DECOROUSLY CONFINES SELF TO QUIET, INFORMAL AFFAIRS

Biennial Meeting at St. Louis in May and Quinquennial at Berlin in July Arouse Keen Interest Among Organizations of the Fair Sex.

BY LAURA BRIDE POWERS.

How each day—each week—makes history! The State Federation is now a thing of the past—the National Biennial Convention at St. Louis in May and the Quinquennial (International) Convention in Berlin in July are the events of the immediate future.

"International convention!" Doesn't that ring rather confidently? Almost as confidently as the announcement of congresses of men—but why not? Does not life in its broad sense mean as much to women as to men? Then why should we not grapple with the problems that arise in our lives—which, of course, are differentiated from men's lives by the omnipotent Will—just as men do, when interchange of thought and experience show them how?

What wonder is it that women, taken generally, are deficient in logic, financial sagacity and depth of thought—likewise power of public expression when working out a sampler (do you know what this is—ask your grandmother) and strumming a ballad on a spinet—constituted the education of a girl. To be sure, she learned how to smile and to toss her pretty head and look "sweet." Then do you wonder that the makers of women are to-day such incapables from the training they received—or rather the training they didn't receive. The boys were sent to college, where they were trained and talked to as God had intended they should be, but the girls were sent to "seminaries"—where they learned to be "ladies"—whatever that may mean.

And it was just these superficialities that, constituting a "lady's" education, have retarded her mental and spiritual development—that have kept her a child in intelligence, but an adult physically and socially. And it is just this crime that clubs, State federations, national federations and international federations are striving to overcome. Are they succeeding? Do rivers make their rocky beds in a day? At the biennial at St. Louis there will come the chance to compare feminine progress in the world's work with the presentation of it at the last World's Fair in 1893. For one, I would wage a week's salary—and that means something to an inkster—that the women at the biennial will be "heard" and that they will be heard to say something. Now, at this late day, it's ancient history to state that the women at Chicago couldn't be "heard"—they were afraid of their own voices and therefore tenderly refrained from frightening others with them. A four hours' session with a continuous pantomime performance such as this is what Kipling would call a poem without words.

Therefore, much can be and is expected from the women at St. Louis; and those that go from California—the gods be thanked—can, for the most part, talk well. Our State president, Mrs. George Law Smith, is an accomplished speaker, with a charming personality, and surely cannot help impressing our national club women favorably.

Mrs. John F. Swift, the president of the local Women's Council, likewise national president, has covered herself with glory at Indianapolis, where the latest women's convention has been held.

Mrs. Swift is scheduled to go on to Berlin, and, with the international president, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, America will be cleverly represented.

The Forum Club held its election last

week, which resulted in the selection of a new president, Mrs. Frank Fredericks—Mrs. Henry Payot refusing, courteously but positively, to serve a third term. It was with much regret that Mrs. Payot was permitted to retire, as her administration has been one of unqualified success. But with her resolute refusal to serve again, the election of Mrs. Fredericks was the logical and the intelligent thing—as she stood in line for the honor as vice president, and is a popular member. Success to the new president of the Forum Club!

Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles has been appointed chairman of the reception committee at St. Louis when the great social function there comes off. Mrs. Cowles is eminently well fitted for the task—which is a very simple thing when one knows how.

The California State Charities and Corrections began its deliberations last night at the Unitarian Church, on the corner of Franklin and Geary streets, and will continue its discussions, which will interest every man whose heart beats warm within him—to-day, this evening, to-morrow and to-morrow evening.

During the deliberations, discussions on children—the delinquent and deficient types—will predominate. And why not? Are not the children of to-day the men and women of to-morrow?

At their last regular meeting the ladies of the Laurel Hall Club listened to an interesting programme under the auspices of the French section. The numbers included three cleverly written papers: "French Art," by Miss Bliss; "The Lays of the Troubadours," by Mrs. Winn, and "French Literature," by Mrs. John Martinon; also French songs by Mrs. McMurray, accompanied by Miss Marie Wood.

Professor Pratt of the Foreign Teachers' Association gave a brief sketch of the life of Andre Theuriet, illustrating the author's classic style by extracts from his writings. This class of classic work will continue through the year, under the leadership of Mrs. John Martinon.

The Pioneer Daughters gave a delightful afternoon last Monday, when the following programme, under the direction of Miss Jennie Morrow Long, was presented:

Monologue, "A Sweet Girl Graduate," Mrs. Lena Dault; sketch, "The Committee on Matrimony," Helen Darling and Morris Wagner; song, "Seguidilla," The Broderick Quartet; monologue in three acts, Pauline Lord; monologue, "The Literary Aspirant," Helen Darling.

Each number was essentially clever, but Miss Lord made a distinctive hit. The Pioneer Daughters are hospitable hostesses and never present dull afternoons—never.

The California Club, after a full of two weeks, held a session extraordinary last Tuesday, when the following programme was presented:

"Juvenile Court Law as Carried on in Los Angeles," Mrs. Dorothy Moore; "Notes From the Federation," Mrs. Louis Herz; "Portfolios and Library Work," Mrs. Passet; the art department; "The Future of San Francisco" and (by special request) "Some of the Exhibits for St. Louis," James D. Phelan.

Mr. Phelan's talk was—as always—an intellectual converse and was the piece de resistance of the afternoon and for two very good reasons. The first reason was his masterly handling of his subject and secondly his being a

SANTA ROSA COUPLE MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Coulter Will Celebrate Golden Wedding on Washington's Birthday.

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Taylor Coulter, residents of this city, were wedded fifty years ago to-day in what is the present city of Santa Rosa, but which was then known as Franklin. The little town stood on the banks of Santa Rosa Creek, and later the name was changed to Santa Rosa. It has grown to be a thriving business city, full of bustle and activity.

As the anniversary fell on Sunday the venerable couple decided to postpone the celebration of the auspicious occasion until Monday, Washington's birthday. The day will be celebrated with an elaborate golden wedding dinner, at which all members of the family and their descendants will be present, and several persons who were present at the wedding fifty years ago will be present to felicitate the honored couple on the recurrence of the anniversary. The residence on Cleveland avenue, in this city, has been decorated with golden colors in honor of the occasion.

The immediate family consists of Miss Minnie Coulter, County Superintendent of Schools; Miss Nellie Coulter, her deputy; Misses Judith and Lida Coulter, and William S. and Paul T. Coulter. Mr. and Mrs. Coulter have many friends throughout the State, who will hear of their anniversary celebration with pleasure. Mr. Coulter was once master of the State Grange, and he and his wife enjoy an extensive acquaintance.

WILL ENTERTAIN WILDE AND JAMES

Santa Rosa Elks Will Give a Hospitable Reception to the Famous Tragedians.

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 21.—Santa Rosa Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will be hosts Tuesday evening to Frederick Warde, Louis James and the male members of their company after the performance at the local theater. Late Saturday afternoon a telegram was received from Warde accepting an invitation to be present. It is expected that Warde will make one of his characteristic addresses to the members of the order, of which he is an honored representative. The affair will include a social session and an elaborate banquet, and will take place in Elks' Hall. Allen B. Lemmon is exalted ruler of the Santa Rosa lodge.

OSTRICH FARM AT SAN JOSE

Local Company Will Start a Place for Breeding and Birds Will Arrive at Once

SAN JOSE, Feb. 21.—San Jose is to have an ostrich farm. A carload of birds are now en route to this city, and inside of a week the industry will be established. Colwell P. Leitch of Phoenix, Ariz., is the promoter of the project. The ostrich farm will be located on Alum Rock avenue, corner of King road. A show farm and salesroom will be conducted there. The place will be opened to the public about March 1. Ostriches of all ages and sizes from the young chick to the cocks ready for plucking will be exhibited. A large stock of feathers, eggs and ostrich novelties will be carried. The ostriches will arrive in San Jose to-morrow morning.

Besides the show farm, a breeding farm will be established some distance from this city. There a large number of birds will be kept and raised for their feathers, which will be prepared for the trade. It is proposed to raise enough feathers to supply the trade on this coast in a few years. The climate of Santa Clara County is well suited for ostriches, and those interested have no doubt that the birds will do well here. A mail order business in feathers will also be established. Negotiations are also pending for other birds besides those on the way here.

The business will be conducted under the name of the San Jose Ostrich Company, which is now being incorporated. It is capitalized at \$25,000, the entire amount of which has been subscribed and invested in the business. The directors of the company are Colwell P. Leitch, A. J. Leitch of Niles, Ohio; H. H. Meers of Phoenix, Ariz., and Hugh McI. Porter and V. A. Scheller of San Jose.

Fireworks at the Chutes.

There will be an elaborate display of fireworks at the Chutes to-night in honor of Washington's birthday. The set pieces will include a bust of the father of his country, a monster American flag and other patriotic devices. The water pyrotechnics on the lake will be a feature.

TO BUILD MORE SHIPS FOR THE AMERICAN NAVY

The naval increase recommended by the House Naval Committee provides for one battleship, two armored cruisers, three scouts and two colliers, at an estimated total cost of \$29,885,000. The appropriation for vessels in course of construction and those to be built is \$31,826,860, against \$25,925,632 for the current year, an increase of \$5,901,228. The programme is reasonable, as to the amount of money, and is likely to be increased, rather than to be reduced; but the number of fighting ships is inadequate, and ought to be increased with at least one more battleship. As to colliers, which are to carry 5000 tons of coal and are to have a trial speed of sixteen knots, and for which \$1,250,000 is asked, there is no pressing demand. The navy has already sixteen colliers with carrying capacities ranging from 2078 tons to 4575 tons. There are scores of merchant steamers available for such purposes, and it would be more reasonable to provide for more fighting ships, rather than to increase the auxiliary list.

Secretary Moody calls attention to the fact that the practice of detaching a ship from the fleet and sending it to a navy yard for minor repairs is wasteful in time and money and detrimental to efficiency. During the year ending July 1, 1903, the percentage of time spent by ships at navy yards undergoing repairs was: For the Alabama, 36; Kearsarge, 28; Indiana, 28; Massachusetts, 27; Texas, 32, and Olympia, 15 per cent. These ships, attached to the North Atlantic fleet, were supposed to be in commission for active service, but once at a navy yard, the Secretary says, "the temptation to take advantage of the opportunity to make and continue repairs is natural." To this it is not amiss to add that the officers and crew would, as a rule, rather complete the cruise at a navy yard than to hurry away and encounter the discomforts at sea.

RETIREMENTS IN THE NAVY.

Retirements in the navy, voluntarily and by age limit, have been somewhat frequent of late and promotions as a consequence are rapid. It is to be noted in this connection that voluntary retirements of captains and commanders are rare, and that it is only when an officer reaches the grade of rear admiral that physical ailments or domestic affairs impel voluntary retirements. It is less than a month ago that Rear Admiral Lambertson, in command of the South Atlantic squadron since January 1, 1904, retired because of impaired eyesight, and now Rear Admiral Cotton has hauled down his flag in the European squadron after less than ten months' commission. Sickness at home is the cause assigned for his application to retire. Some years ago bonuses were offered by officers to induce others above them to retire in order that the lower number officer could be promoted to a higher grade before his retirement and thus obtain higher rank and increased retired pay than he would otherwise get in the natural course of promotion. This practice has ceased, but the fact that as captains the retired pay is \$1500 less than that of rear admiral is likely, in some cases, to put off voluntarily retirement until the higher grade has been reached.

Notwithstanding the frequently occurring retirements in our navy, on account of age or from other causes, the flow of promotion to command rank at an age when an officer is ordinarily in the prime of life and mentally and physically sound and vigorous is still exceedingly slow, and will be so for ten years to come, unless the general law regarding retirements is changed. As it is now there is nothing to prevent an officer remaining on the active list until he reaches the age limit of 62 years.

COMPULSORY RETIREMENT PLAN

Secretary Moody recommends compulsory retirement of officers who, at 50 years, have not become captains, and retirement of captains who have not reached the grade at 55 years. As shown in the appended table, eleven rear admirals in command of squadrons range in ages from 60 years 10 months to 57 years 4 months, and average 59 years 8 months, while in the British and German navies the averages are about five years less. The battleship captains in our navy, now ranging from 59 years 6 months to 55 years 2 months, should be reduced to an average not to exceed 50 years.

AGES OF SQUADRON AND BATTLESHIP COMMANDERS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, JANUARY 1, 1904.

Age.	Age.
Br. Adm. S. Y. M. 69	Captains, Yrs. Mos. 6
A. L. Barker 69	J. N. Hemphill 56
J. B. Cogan 58	I. C. H. Davis 58
J. H. Sands 58	R. B. Bradford 59
R. D. Evans 57	A. B. Hancock 57
P. H. Cooper 59	S. E. H. C. Leuze 56
Y. Stripling 59	S. G. Eaton 56
H. G. Clark 59	S. W. G. Cowley 57
C. H. Cotton 59	T. Swinburne 56
D. Sigbee 58	M. Derry 57
W. C. Wise 51	T. Burwell 57
F. E. Chadwick 59	R. Clover 57
Average age, 59	Average age, 57

The British battleships Magnificent and Majestic were paid off on February 1. They have been in continuous commission as flagships in the channel fleet for over eight years and are now to receive a general overhauling and refit, including rearrangement of armament.

UPBUILDING OF NAVIES.

The naval budget of Italy for the year from July 1, 1904, to July 1, 1905, calls for \$25,438,225, or \$2000 less than that allowed for the present financial year. For new building, machinery and armament \$4,240,000 is proposed. An increase of \$91,850 over present appropriations. The only new vessels to be built are two submarine boats to have a surface speed of fourteen knots and capable of traveling 2000 miles without replenishing their supply of means for locomotion.

Germany will have two new 12,300-ton battleships, the Braunschweig and Elsass, in commission during 1904, to be followed by the Hessen, Prussen and Brandenburg in 1905. The latter, of 10,060 tons, built in 1891, has been reconstructed and the other three ships of that class are also being modernized at a cost of \$750,000.

The German admiralty has assigned a naval constructor to the home squadron, whose official title will be that of

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broke up singing "Auld Lang Syne." Mrs. John Caterall of Honolulu was a guest of honor at a dinner given by Mrs. West previous to her leaving for her home in the islands. Those present were Mrs. J. Caterall, Captain Peterson, the Misses Lizzie, Theresa and Ida Lavaroni, John Henry Lavaroni and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. West.

Mrs. Adam Heunisch, whose charming manner has won her many friends, gave another of a series of entertainments at her Baker street home. Whist was played and six prizes were awarded to the winners, the booby prize causing much merriment. Among those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Heunisch were Mrs. Luhrs-Cutting, Miss Braverman, Walter B. Webster, Miss Genevieve Heunisch, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Stuewait, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Luce, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lighthouse, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Braverman, Mr. and Mrs. E. Abramson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prieber and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ratasia.

A very delightful social gathering took place on the 15th of February at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Maas, 3989 Seventeenth street, in honor of their twentieth wedding anniversary and also to celebrate the christening of their grandson, Randolph P. Glessman. Those present were P. R. Glessman and wife, Dr. Alfred Eichler, Hugo P. Maas, P. E. Maas, Ralph William Maas, Olga P. Maas, Louis Maas, Mr. and Mrs. H. Glessman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carah, Mr. and Mrs. J. Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. E. Langenbach, L. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. U. Bilay, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Baldwin, Mrs. Nordmann, Miss E. Nordmann, Miss K. Maas, Miss Gertrude Bauer, Miss Julia Glessman, Miss Olga Maas, Miss Evelyn Wagner, Henry Maas, Richard Glessman and Adolph Belay.

Miss Edna Thode of 1081 Dolores street entertained on Tuesday afternoon, February 16, and was assisted in receiving by Miss Helen Speyer, Miss Alma Harder, Miss Doris Heuer and Miss Anita Ferguson. The house was decorated with the season's blossoms, the color scheme being red. Those present were: Miss Clara Campe, Miss Anita Ferguson, Miss Alma Harder, Miss Stella Meyer, Miss Ida Purlensky, Miss Grace Bruckman, Miss M. Schief, Miss Evelyn Sresovich, Miss Ida Precht, Miss Belle Herzer, Miss M. Wolpman, Miss L. Purlensky, Miss Edna Mohr, Miss Helena Speyer, Miss T. Joost, Miss Adele Boyken, Miss Lillian Lubben, Miss Hattie Ferguson, Miss F. Joost, Miss Doris Heuer, Miss L. Heeseman, Miss C. Ernst, Miss Alma Thode, Miss D. Joost, Miss S. Keer, Miss L. Meyer, Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Rapp, Mrs. Werner, Mrs. A. Windt, Mrs. W. Ambinger, Mrs. R. Harry Campe, Mrs. Charles Huff, Mrs. L. Constine and Mrs. Bender.

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STEWARD OF A STOCKTON STEAMER DIES SUDDENLY

Wife of Man Is Prostrated and Is Feared She May Lose Her Reason.

STOCKTON, Feb. 21.—The heavy breathing of her husband awoke Mrs. Henry Landers this morning. Being alarmed at his condition she endeavored to awaken him, but he expired in a few seconds without uttering a word. The deceased was well known, being the steward of the California Navigation Company for years. Mrs. Landers cannot be made to realize that her husband is dead and it is feared that she has gone insane.

"What is the new piece you're playing. Is it by Wagner?" "No; the piano is out of tune."—Louisville Courier Journal.

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