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WOMEN PLAY LEADING PART IN CIVIC AFFAIRS

Their Clubs Have Ably Supplemented Efforts of the Improvement Associations and Achieved Results of Statewide Benefit

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It is generally believed that the only or principal part that women take in civic affairs is advocating woman's suffrage. This is not so in San Francisco at least.

In fact in many particulars women can accomplish more than men. They have the time and the enthusiasm which men have not. The success of many of our improvement associations is due to the efforts of women.

In some of these associations the women are the secretaries and they work with untiring zeal. This is so in the Visitation Valley Improvement association, where Mrs. R. B. Hutchison is secretary. It is so in the Upper Sunset Improvement club, where Mrs. E. W. Hillman was secretary for several years. It is true also in the Glen Park, Sunnyside and Parkside clubs, where women are on several of the important committees.

In the Arguello Boulevard Improvement club the moving spirit is a woman. In several of the districts where women do not belong to the clubs they nevertheless render very valuable assistance to their district by making protests to the district club and by circulating petitions for the clubs.

It would be impossible in these columns to give a full account of what the various women's clubs have done and are doing for San Francisco. These clubs have varied spheres of activity, and the same kind of accomplishments of one club of each class is given as an illustration of what scores of other clubs of the same kind are doing.

CALIFORNIA CLUB
The California club is to the other clubs of the city what the Merchants' association is to the rest of the city. It is by far the largest and wealthiest. The club was organized December 27, 1887, by Mrs. Lovell White. The presidents of the club have been Mrs. Lovell White, Mrs. George Law Smith, Mrs. Ayelet R. Cotton, Mrs. James W. Orr and Mrs. E. L. Baldwin. Mrs. Lovell White was the first and the present president.

The club is divided into four departments and 12 general committees. The departments are: Department of education, department of social science, department of civics and department of outdoor art league. Each department has its own special committees. The general standing committees are: Legislative, building, renting, visiting, press, decoration, membership, program, reception, tea, revision, patting and decorating. There is a board of directors consisting of 16 members.

Other clubs affiliate themselves with the various departments and work as a part of the machinery of the California club. The California club in turn is affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs. The federation is the executive body consisting of representatives or delegates from all the women's clubs.

The initial work of the California club was the holding of a "noting of the occasion" of the local society at Union square in February, 1888, during the golden jubilee, the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of gold in California. In May, 1889, and in April, 1890, successful exhibits of the industrial arts in California were held in the Mechanics' pavilion. These exhibits proved a stimulus to the workers in arts and crafts.

In 1890 the club co-operated in a movement to better the conditions for working girls in the laundries, and to shorten the hours for milliners. The club succeeded in having a woman appointed upon the board of education and in having one woman physician placed on the medical staff of the hospitals for insane at Napa and at Stockton.

The California club was the first to develop the idea of the public playgrounds. In May, 1889, the club secured from the board of education permission to use a lot in Bush street near Hyde, which was equipped by the club for a playground. For three years the playground was maintained at the expense of the club. The experiment was so successful that the public was aroused to the necessity of an extended system of playgrounds.

In April, 1892, the board of education opened the playground at Seventh and Harrison streets, the equipment for which was donated by the club. Although this playground has passed from the club a vigilant supervision over it is still maintained. The club for several years advocated the establishment of a playground in the North beach district. The demands of the club have at last been acceded to.

In 1899, through the efforts of the club, messenger boys' circulating libraries were placed in district offices. The Dunn memorial library donated to the club in 1899 was the first traveling library in the state of California. The club now has six libraries in as many towns in the state. Other clubs have taken up this work and there are now more than 50 libraries sent to isolated towns in the state. The state library board has initiated a similar system and is now sending out books to various towns from the state library. A library set will be sent to one town for six months and then shifted to another town.

Schoolroom decoration is another matter to which the club has given much attention. Artistic rooms are of decided educative value to the child.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK AMONG IMPROVEMENT CLUBS OF CITY

The meeting of the Civic league Thursday evening was devoted to final discussion and action upon the charter amendments. A large representation from various improvement clubs were present. The following amendments were approved: 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, 27, 28, 29, 35 and 36A. The following were rejected: 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38 and 39A.

WOMENS' CIVIC LEAGUE
The Women's civic league was organized about two years ago. Its purpose is to investigate political, moral, social and industrial problems and to advocate remedies for them. The club through its president, Mrs. Elizabeth Gerberding, found that in New York there was considerable opposition to the Hetch Hetchy water system, based on sentimental grounds. The club published a pamphlet in defense of San Francisco's right to Hetch Hetchy water and sent copies broadcast. A copy was sent to every congressman in the United States.

The club meets regularly in the Phelan building. Specially prepared papers are read to the members and noted speakers invited to address the meeting. Mrs. Elizabeth Gerberding is the president, and Miss Isabel Munson secretary-treasurer.

PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
The Parent Teachers' association and congress of mothers is an organization consisting of parents, mothers and teachers. These associations exist in connection with about one-half of the city schools. Their purpose is to bring the teacher and parent into closer touch so that they may better understand each other's aims and methods to the end that the intellectual and moral welfare of the child may be promoted.

The association has established kindergartens in connection with several of the schools and intends to establish them in all the schools as rapidly as facilities will permit. These kindergartens are maintained by the association.

The Occidental and Golden Gate kindergartens conducted by the association are models of their kind. In the state normal school the Everett, Laguna Honda, Grattan, Yerba Buena, Bryant, Cosmopolitan, Monroe, Washington Irving and Lafayette schools there are strong parent teachers' clubs.

The officers of the association are: Miss Florence Musto, president; Mrs. H. Otis Brun, first vice president; Mrs. F. M. Malloye, recording secretary; Mrs. Florence Hartell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. White, treasurer.

VICTORIA COLONNA CLUB
The purposes of the Victoria Colonna club are philanthropic, civic, educational and social. The club's influence is felt most in the North beach district. It has taken under its supervision the Washington Irving school, the Hancock and Jean Parker schools. It is advocating playgrounds for the North beach section.

The officers of the club are Dr. Mariana Bertola, president; Mrs. E. Marioni, first vice president; Miss Edith Donio, second vice president; Miss Edith Lertora, treasurer; Miss E. Amelia Zabaldano, secretary.

WEST END CLUB
At its last meeting the West End improvement club instructed Attorney E. Hurlbert to prepare a resolution calling for the purchase of property at the end of Gettysburg street by the board of supervisors. The meeting listened to a talk on boulevards by Arthur G. Scholty. The association appointed G. J. Warren, William Hynes and E. Moline as a committee to confer with the boulevard

committee of the Mission promotion association.

SAN BRUNO CLUB
The San Bruno avenue club has applied to the playground commission for permission to install apparatus at the South End school for the use of the children in that end of the city.

NORTH END CLUB
At the last meeting of the club held at its headquarters, Greenwich street near Fillmore, protests were made against the custom of permitting the military post to sell provisions to civilians in competition with local merchants. Representatives from the Grocers' association, the Butchers' association, Presidio Improvement club and the Golden Gate Improvement club were present.

FILLMORE STREET CLUB
The members of the Fillmore street club are gratified to know that the actual construction of the Gough street line has commenced. The Fillmore street club has fought for four years to secure this concession and then found it necessary to put up a portion of the money to build the road. The road will afford quick travel between the Mission and Western addition districts, avoiding the Fillmore street hills. The officers of the association are Albert J. Pau, president; Charles Loosch, vice president; David Livingston, vice president; Walter H. White, secretary.

SOUTH OF MARKET CLUB
The South of Market club was reorganized Thursday evening at 807 Polson street, with an enrollment of 200 members. John Byrne was elected temporary chairman. Father Rodgers of St. Patrick's church, who has often advocated before the board of supervisors the need of this district, addressed the meeting. Connor Murphy also spoke. The club will meet again next Thursday.

MISSION HEIGHTS CLUB
The Mission Heights and Church Street improvement club at its meeting Tuesday evening indorsed the India Castro street improvement club, the Twin Peaks improvement club, the Upper Market street improvement club, the Church street and Columbia Heights improvement club and the Sixteenth and Church streets improvement club.

The Twin Peaks parlor Native Sons and Daughters, Castro parlor Native Sons will attend in uniform, with their life and drum, piccolo and drum corps. Henry Becker, president of the club, will introduce Eugene Conlin, the speaker of the day. Mayor P. H. McCarthy and others will speak.

INGLESIDE CLUB
The Ingleside Improvement club, Inc., gave a dance Saturday evening for the benefit of the building fund. The club proposes to purchase a site and build an assembly hall. The committee in charge of the dance consisted of A. G. Allen, J. E. Murphy, Peter Hopper, J. C. Euckson, W. H. Medley, E. Augenstein,

Anthony Matthews, J. Neusbaum and J. D. Nelson.

PERALTA HEIGHTS CLUB
At the regular meeting of this club held Tuesday evening Mr. J. B. Vizzard was appointed a committee of one to visit the superintendent of street repairs and request that stone crossings be placed across Army street at Condon and at York.

The city attorney was requested to inform the club whether Twenty-sixth street from Utah to Vermont is still regarded as an open thoroughfare. The board of public works was petitioned to bituminize Bolson street in front of Bernal park, as this street is now entirely paved excepting the city's portion in front of the park.

The board of public works was thanked for the prompt manner in which they responded to the club's appeal to repair Twenty-sixth street from Polson to Bryant.

The election commission was thanked for removing the booth located at Precita avenue and Florida street to a more desirable site.

RICHMOND CENTRAL CLUB
The Richmond Central club at its meeting Tuesday evening listened to discussion by several prominent speakers upon the charter amendments. Action upon the proposed charter amendments will be had at the next meeting of the club, Monday evening, October 3, at 5955 California street.

SUNNYSIDE CLUB
A ball and entertainment will be given this evening by the Sunnyside Improvement club in the Glen Park pavilion for the benefit of the sewer fund for the Sunnyside district. An interesting program has been prepared, good talent having been secured. An orchestra will supply the music.

OCEAN VIEW CLUB
The Ocean View Improvement club held a smoker Monday evening, which proved successful. The hall was well filled. Refreshments were served and songs sung and stories told. President A. Warren of the Green Valley Improvement club and Supervisor T. F. Minehan were guests. The evening was passed very enjoyably by all who attended.

The tree distributing department of the committee on parks sent in their report for the last year. Mesdames M. S. and Lola Burnett distributed free of cost nearly 900 trees to the residents of Visitation valley. Some of these were beautiful mountain trees from Nevada county and consisted of cedars, pines, firs and oaks; others were eucalyptus, peppers, Monterey cypress and acacias.

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