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MRS. CARPENTER ASSERTS SUFFRAGE IS "VITAL ISSUE"

Moot Question of Bringing Matter Before Convention Stirs Club Delegates

BIENNIAL DELEGATES AT TREE PLANTING CEREMONY ON THE EXPOSITION GROUNDS YESTERDAY.

MRS. EVERETT W. PATTISON MRS. EMMONS CROCKER MISS MYRA DOCK

PROMINENT DELEGATES TO THE BIENNIAL.

TEXAS CHIEF WOULD KEEP LID NAILED

"Unwise" to Bring Up Question, She Says

With the election of a new leader for the federated clubwomen of America, now but two days distant, and with the eleventh biennial convention of the General Federation drawing near to its close, the rock of equal suffrage is looming threateningly ahead of the navigators who are attempting to steer the federation craft into smooth waters.

Whether this great federation ship will ride triumphantly through the stormy passage about that rock; whether it will splinter its bows upon it, or whether it will evade the obstacle altogether, are questions that may depend a good deal upon whose hand holds the tiller during the next few days.

One thing is certain, and that is that the suffrage problem is causing more genuine agitation at present than anything with which the general federation of women's clubs has had to deal in years.

Despite all efforts of the conservative leaders to prevent it, the question of suffrage and the question of choosing the next president of the general federation have become inextricably tangled. The exact status of Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Pennybacker, the rival presidential candidates, upon the suffrage problem, is causing o tremendous amount of discussion and is nearly sure to affect the casting of a large number of votes.

SUFFRAGE A BIG ISSUE

At the outset of the convention the publicity department of each political camp intimated that the campaign was to be one of unadulterated sweetness and courtesy, as the rival candidates were the closest of personal friends, believed in the same methods and were at variance upon no single issue.

That is all true at present, so far as theosweetness and courtesy is concerned, but suffrage has become an issue in the minds of many of the leaders and bids fair to become even a bigger issue on the floor of the convention and in the determination of the presidency.

Some of the more ardent suffragists believe that a decided stand upon suffrage should be taken by the present convention, that no other single subject before the clubwomen of America is of such overwhelming importance and that the present opportunity should not be passed by.

Moreover, some broad hints were thrown out yesterday that the suffrage matter is to be brought before the delegates prior to the adjournment of the convention whether the leaders wish it or not.

Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Pennybacker are both strong suffragists. Each of them so declared in signed statements issued last night. Both of them have made similar statements before, but have added that they did not believe suffrage should be brought into the affairs of the general federation. Mrs. Pennybacker added this qualification to her statement last night, but Mrs. Carpenter omitted it. In fact, Mrs. Carpenter, while remaining silent in this regard, added the significant declaration to her statement that "the General Federation of Women's Clubs has been, in my opinion, a tremendous factor in educating the women of America to think and work along all civic lines and I believe they are ready for the ballot."

MRS. CARPENTER TO SPEAK

Does this mean that Mrs. Carpenter has felt the pulse of the convention, has found it throbbing for the cause of suffrage to which she is personally committed, and has decided, after all, to use her influence in making suffrage a convention issue?

She failed last night to elaborate upon or explain her statement, but the reason is apparent. Tonight she is scheduled to speak before the convention on the subject of "The Legal Status of Women." It is more than possible that her address may become the real "keynote" speech of the biennial. The very title savors of suffrage, and the time set for its delivery is the most auspicious that any campaign manager could wish, for either late tonight or early tomorrow morning the nominating committee is to meet.

If an eleventh hour coup is in the wind, no better preperation could have been made for it than through the statement issued by Mrs. Carpenter last night. It leaves the way open to her to elaborate upon the suffrage issue tonight and to declare for it openly as a general federation proposition if she so desires. The call for the meeting of the nominating committee has been issued for 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, but it is possible that it may be set forward to tonight, as the committee must report to the convention before noon tomorrow. The election will be held Thursday afternoon and the result announced Thursday night.

Those who support the idea of bringing the suffrage issue squarely before the convention make the point that all the work of the general federation is directed toward human uplift and betterment, and argue that this end could be accomplished more directly if equal suffrage was obtained.

FEAR OF BITTERNESS THE CAUSE

Others, who favor suffrage, admit this, but declare that the federation is accomplishing a big purpose at present and should not import any issue that might in any way disrupt its unity or endanger its present usefulness.

It is the fear of bitterness within the federation that is really holding back the many delegates who would like to make a nation wide suffrage fight through the medium of the women's clubs of the country; it is the fear that some clubs, particularly in the south, might withdraw from the federation, and, unquestionably, back of it all, lies a deep feeling based on the color question. Many of the women of the south are not willing that suffrage should be extended to the negro women, who make up the bulk of the female population of some of the southern states.

Mrs. J. C. Terrell of Texas, one of the leaders of Mrs. Pennybacker's campaign, brought out this point yesterday, although Mrs. Pennybacker is avowedly a suffragist.

"There are many places in the south," she said, "where the feeling is that the fifteenth amendment should not be extended to include in its scope indiscriminately a great mass of colored women, lacking in education, who, despite their ignorance, would hold a balance of power by 10 to 1 over the white women. That feeling is strong in many clubs in the south. It is generally conceded now, I believe, that it was a mistake to grant absolute right of suffrage to all negro men under the fifteenth amendment and the mistake should not be repeated."

UP TO CALIFORNIANS

Miss Mary Garrett Hay of New York, campaign manager for Mrs. Carpenter, expressed the opinion last night that suffrage undoubtedly would come up in some form before the convention.

"Mrs. Carpenter is a strong suffragist," she said. "I have been a national organizer for the suffrage association for years and I know that Mrs. Pennybacker is not a suffragist unless she has become one within the last few weeks. We are trying to convert everybody, however, and I don't question Mrs. Pennybacker's conversion if she says it has come about.

"So far as making an issue of suffrage is concerned, I believe it is up to the California women to make it an issue if they want it. California is one of the six enfranchised states, and should be the one to take the lead. If the others want it, they should get in line and help, and so should the five states that are now struggling for equal suffrage."

It is possible that a suffrage resolution may be introduced on the last day of the session under the head of new business, unless the resolutions committee should see fit in the meantime to do what is not now expected, and introduce such a resolution in its report. Several women have been mentioned as possible introducers of such a resolution. The strongest support for such procedure seems to come from southern California, Nevada and Illinois.

SUFFRAGE AS AN ISSUE IS UNWISE

By Mrs. P. V. Pennybacker

Despite the statement made to the press on the day of my arrival in San Francisco, there seems to be some misunderstanding as to my position on suffrage. Permit me to state, personally I believe in woman suffrage. To me it is the only just and logical position. Since, however, the General Federation of Women's Clubs is comprised of women from all sections of the country, of all religious creeds and of all political affiliations, I feel it would not be wise to make suffrage an issue in this convention.

"VITAL ISSUE"—MRS. CARPENTER

By Fanny H. Carpenter

As woman suffrage is a vital issue before the women of America and there seems to be some uncertainty about my position in the matter, I am glad to state that I am a member of the New York Equal Suffrage league and a worker in the suffrage ranks. The General Federation of Women's Clubs has been, in my opinion, a tremendous factor in educating the women of America to think and work along all civic lines, and I believe they are ready for the ballot.

WOMEN PLANT "1915" LAUREL

Regiment of Club Delegates Guests of Exposition on Auto Trip

Nearly 1,000 delegates to the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs were the guests of the exposition company and the women's board of the exposition on an automobile tour yesterday afternoon through Golden Gate park and the Presidio, and later participated in the planting of a laurel tree at Lobos square within the exposition tract. The tree was dedicated to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

At 4 o'clock the visitors were whirled away from the Palace hotel, a dozen big sight seeing automobiles and 30 or more small cars finding places in the procession. Lecturers were on all the large autos and described the points of interest as the guests were driven through the residence sections, the park, along the Great highway and through the new northern panhandle of the park into the Presidio.

At Fort Winfield Scott the visitors witnessed a review of the provisional regiment of coast artillery on the parade grounds below the artillery barracks. Major A. W. Chase commanded the troops, the review being received by Colonel J. P. Wisser, commandant of the post.

It was nearly 6 o'clock when the tree planting exercises were held in Lobos square, the first shovelful of earth being placed about the tree by Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis, president of the general federation. Mrs. E. G. Denniston, president of the local biennial board, presided over the exercises, while the California Grays were turned out as an escort of honor to the guests of the day.

MRS. MOORE DEDICATES TREE

Mrs. Denniston made a brief speech of welcome, expressing the pleasure of all San Francisco at having so many representative women from all parts of the country gathered for the occasion, and thanking the women's board of the exposition for having done so much to make a success of the sightseeing trip of the afternoon.

Mrs. Moore dedicated the tree to the exposition and recalled the fact that when the biennial was held 10 years ago in Los Angeles the delegates were preparing for the coming exposition in St. Louis. She congratulated the Panama-Pacific exposition upon the fact that the work of women is to be co-ordinated with that of the men, and not kept distinct from it.

Mrs. Fred G. Sanborn, president of the women's board of the exposition, explained the plan of the exposition authorities to do away with a separate woman's exhibit at the exposition.

ALL INVITED TO COME BACK

"Some of the very best of woman's work is in the homes and that we can not exhibit," she said. "But our work is all directed toward uplift and betterment and as much of that work as can be exhibited will go into the department of civic economics, of which as large a portion as possible will be put into our hands."

Joseph M. Cumming, representing President Moore of the exposition, extended a warm greeting to the visitors, inviting all to return in 1915.

He explained briefly the plan and scope of the exposition and said that while the exposition building would vanish after the fair, the laurel tree would remain as a reminder of the participation in the exposition and the General Federation and that the influence of the exposition would continue into the future.

The exercises ended with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

WOMEN ARRANGE AUTO SCHEDULE

Berkeley Program Fixed So No Time Will Be Lost

BERKELEY, July 1.—Mrs. W. R. Pond, chairman of the automobile committee, which will receive delegates to the clubwomen's biennial convention when they come to Berkeley tomorrow, has arranged a schedule for the use of the machines. Automobiles supplied by Berkeley folk through the board of trade and Chamber of Commerce and other aids, will be held at the mining building on the university campus at 3 o'clock. Alameda machines at the same hour are to be stationed west of the Greek theater near the chemistry building, and Oakland machines will be at the College avenue entrance to the campus.

Following the automobile ride the guests will be entertained at clubhouses on this side of the Bay. The Town and Gown club and the Newman club will keep open house. The Twentieth Century club and Berkeley Federation of Mothers' Clubs will help entertain at Mosswood park in Oakland.

At Town and Gown hall Mrs. W. B. Searby, vice president, will be in charge. Assisting her in receiving will be Mrs. W. R. Duff, Mrs. William Carey Jones, Mrs. E. W. Hathaway, Mrs. Victor Robertson, Mrs. Charles R. Lloyd, Mrs. J. H. McKibben, Mrs. A. S. Halliday, Mrs. A. O. Leuschner, Mrs. P. T. Riley, Mrs. H. K. Hatfield, Mrs. John Hinkle, Mrs. Hildreth, Mrs. William E. Colby and Mrs. Fred Lipman.

Miss Almira Johnson will be in charge at the Newman club, with Miss Alma Tobin, chairman of the reception committee, assisted by Miss Marie Hanlon, Miss Katherine Hanlon, Miss Hazel Nolting, Miss Cecilia Kelly, Mrs. M. C. Dowling, Miss Stella Wieland, Miss Irene Furlong, Mrs. W. A. Hackley, Miss Alma Myers, Miss Marguerite Cameron, Miss Alice O'Toole, Miss Ethel Dyer, Miss Margaret Fee, Miss Julia Graham, Miss Ellen Ord, Miss Marie Carroll, Miss Emma McCall, Miss Kathleen O'Brien, Miss Gertrude Chase, Miss Eugenia McCabe, Miss Ruth Genung and Miss Wanda Orymsky.

Today's Program of Clubwomen's Convention

MORNING.
Sutter Street Pavilion

9 o'clock—Reading of minutes, Mrs. G. O. Welch.

Report of chairmen of committees—Final report of credential committee, Mrs. D. Knight; committee advisory to the bulletin, Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg.

Discussion—Report of the council, Mrs. D. Breckinridge; interfederation, Mrs. H. L. Keefe.

Greetings from Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Mrs. A. F. Morrison, president.

Department of Public Health—Report of chairman, Mrs. S. S. Crockett.

Department of Legislation—Report of chairman, Mrs. H. N. Bushnell.

Address, "The State and the Home," William Hard of New York.

AFTERNOON
East Bay Cities Day

2 o'clock—Greek theater, Berkeley. Musical session under the department of music of the General Federation, Mrs. Lawrence Maxwell, chairman. Planned and executed by the courtesy of the music committee of the local biennial board.

Orchestral numbers, chorugus of the University of California, Paul Steindorff, conductor.

Soprano solo, Miss Fannie Bailey. Choral of women's voices.

3 o'clock—Automobile ride in Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda and on Foothill boulevard. Tea served after the drive at clubhouses, Mosswood park and Leona heights.

Boats leave San Francisco ferry at 1 o'clock, via Key Route. Round trip ticket, including box lunch, 50 cents. Special car service from Auditorium.

EVENING,
Sutter Street Pavilion

Mrs. Moore, presiding.

8:15 o'clock—Music: Trio, San Francisco musical club; quartet, Pacific Musical club; contralto solos, Mrs. M. E. Blanchard. Accompanist, Fred Maurer.

Legal and Economic Status of Women—"Women in Industry and the Home," Miss Jessica B. Peixotto, Ph. D., University of California; "Silences Among the Statutes," Mrs. Philip Carpenter, LL. B. of New York; "The Status of the Other Woman," Mrs. S. S. Platt-Decker of Colorado.

A LAMEDA WILL BE HOST TODAY

Adelphian Club to Show Delegates About in 50 Autos

ALAMEDA, July 1.—The Adelphian club women have completed arrangements for the reception and entertainment tomorrow of delegates to the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The visitors are scheduled to arrive here about 4 o'clock. They will be met by a committee consisting of Mrs. J. Sherman McDowell, Mrs. Greene Majors, Mrs. Henry Rosenthal, Mrs. J. H. Rohr, Mrs. E. K. Taylor, Mrs. D. H. Weeks, Mrs. Arthur O. Gott, Mrs. P. S. Teller, Mrs. J. R. Sloane, Mrs. S. A. Brooks, Mrs. P. W. Barton, Mrs. H. H. Meyers, Mrs. C. E. Tabor, Mrs. P. L. Cortelyou, Mrs. George P. Reynolds, Mrs. E. W. Maslin, Mrs. Estelle Halsey, Mrs. Reuben Mastick.

The guests are to come here in automobiles from the Greek theater in Berkeley. Fifty machines have been promised for the use of the visitors.

Councilman Alfred L. Morgenstern and Duncan Stevenson have assisted the committee in obtaining automobiles in which to show the guests about the city.

WOMEN CONFER ON GOOD ROADS

Conservation, Education and Art Topics of Sessions in Afternoon

Conferences on conservation, education and art made up the list of afternoon sessions of the federation convention yesterday. Mrs. Emmons Crocker presided at the conservation meeting held in Doric hall of Golden Gate Commandery temple, which took up national forests, waterways, soil fertility and good roads.

A resolution to make the Sawtooth Indian reservation in Idaho a national park with the addition of 220,000 acres outside, was introduced by Mrs. E. J. Dockery of Boise. Other speakers were H. D. Gross, president of the National Soil Fertility league; Mrs. Lovell White of San Francisco, Mrs. John D. Wilkinson and Mrs. Douglas of Louisiana.

Art in the home, traveling art galleries and the development of artistic taste were some of the subjects taken up at the art conference, presided over by Mrs. Everett W. Pattison of St. Louis. Mrs. Edwin Stadtmuller, local art chairman of the federation; Mrs. Howard T. Wilson of Illinois; Dr. Minnie F. Howard of Pocatello, Idaho; Mrs. Grant White of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Anna E. Morey of Hastings, Neb. Mrs. Stanwood, chairman of the art committee of California; Mrs. M. F. Johnston of Richmond, Ind.; Mrs. Harriet Shaw of Seattle, Mrs. Perkins of Indianapolis, Mrs. James of St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. F. McKnight were among the speakers.

A round table conference on education was held in Sutter street pavilion, at which Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum of Los Angeles presided. Dr. Charles A. Prosser of New York, executive secretary of the National Society of Industrial Education spoke of the necessity of vocational education for children in order that there might be some foundation for the teaching of theory.

Mrs. Descha Breckinridge of Kentucky made a report on industrial education in that state and an informal discussion of the general subject was held.

PUBLIC HEALTH NIGHT'S TOPIC

Clubwomen Discuss Many Phases of National Hygiene Problem

Conservation of public health in its various phases of a national program for public health, social hygiene, pure food and school hygiene was taken up by the women of the federation last night in the Sutter street pavilion at a meeting conducted under the auspices of the department of health by the federation.

The evening's program was preceded by several vocal and instrumental selections. Mrs. Eugene Reilley, former president of the North Carolina federation, was the presiding officer.

Mrs. S. S. Crockett of Nashville, Tenn., was scheduled to read a paper on "A National Program for Public Health," but in her absence the paper was read by Mrs. L. F. Edson of Los Angeles.

The activities of the federal government in sanitation in the canal zone, the work of the marine hospitals in stamping out contagious diseases and the eradication of yellow fever in New Orleans, the bubonic plague in San Francisco and typhoid fever in the state of Washington were all cited as forerunners and aids to the establishment of a national program for public health.

The dissemination of information regarding the national character of contagious diseases was characterized as the first necessity of such a program, and the high standard of efficiency required of public health officers was given as an example of progress made thus far.

That women's clubs, through their power to initiate and encourage public sentiment in favor of better health provisions, were eminently qualified to help the movement was the contention of the paper of Mrs. Crockett.

"The Larger Significance of the Social Hygiene Movement" was taken up by Dr. Rachelle S. Yarros of Chicago, chairman of the social hygiene department of the federation, in a talk urging more vigorous steps toward eradication of diseases and the enactment of legislation requiring all diseases of whatever nature to be reported to health officials.

CLUBWOMEN DEVOTE DAY TO SCIENCE

Conservation in Many Lines Is Discussed

By MARY ASHE MILLER

Conservation in its variety, from energy to soil and back again through the forests to mother love, made up most of the morning's proceedings at the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs yesterday, with a preliminary mixture of the president's recommendations and proposed amendments to be discussed and voted upon.

Mrs. Emmons Crocker of Massachusetts is chairman of the department of conservation and she is an enthusiast. To help her out in specific lines she had Mrs. Lovell White of San Francisco, whose motto is "Woodman, spare that tree," and who backs up the admonition with congressional authority whenever it is necessary; Mrs. J. D. Wilkinson of Louisiana, who can tell more uses for water than are dreamed of in the philosophy of nine-tenths of the world; H. H. Gross, president of the National Soil Fertility league, who is going to have farmers taught to farm so that they will make more money with less effort, and the teaching will be sufficiently untechnical to be practical at first sight; Miss Myra Dock of Pennsylvania, who gave a wonderful exposition of the things that Pennsylvania is doing to make new forests where there is waste land, to purify its water system and sources, and other equally interesting and commendable measures.

Likewise Mrs. Crocker herself in closing the program of her department gave a history of good roads from the earlier periods of history and showed why the issue is a vital one.

FIRE CHIEF'S ULTIMATUM

There were greetings scattered through the morning, a report or two, several announcements, of which the two most startling were an ultimatum from the chief of the fire department that he would sweep the entire convention bodily from the pavilion if the women didn't stop moving their chairs into the aisles, and a call to the nominating committee to meet Wednesday morning at the Hotel Normandie at 7 o'clock. This had been arranged before—the matter of meeting at this early hour—but it had not been publicly announced that there were some murmurs of astonishment among the clubwomen. One woman said she didn't think it was dignified.

The measure providing that the autditor shall examine all bills and sign all vouchers before payment is made by the treasurer and keep a record of all bills presented was passed.

The president of each state shall be included in the voting body of each biennial, whether she be a delegate or not, according to another amendment passed yesterday, and a penalty of 50 cents shall be added to the dues of those one month late in making payment, another measure passed declares.

NEW VOTING PLAN TABLED

Pennsylvania's proposed reorganization plan providing for a new method of managing the voting body of the biennial was laid on the table without any consideration.

One has a feeling that it will continue to adorn the table with the persistence displayed in olden times in rural districts by the family album of portraits.

The president's recommendations, as embodied in her annual report, read on the opening day of the convention, were printed in a neat list and unanimous vote was to the effect that every effort be used to enforce them generally.

They were as follows: Continue the bureau of information; continue manager and work to the fall board meeting; substitute artistic and humorous sheets for present Sunday comic supplement; discuss rearrangement of departments; bring in plan for effective changes in 1914; one member of legislative committee in Washington, chairman in center of country, members to be composed of chairmen of departments in which legislation is ordered; place subject of peace in subcommittee under education; place drama under literature department; complete endowment fund; indorse General Federation Bulletin.

Mrs. Philip Carpenter, chairmon of the committee on Outlook, reported that her committee was a sort of waste-basket where the president sent her "crank" letters and where the board of directors sent those communications about which it was uncertain as to value.

In view of the little use which this committee had grown to be since the world at large had gained a better knowledge of the woman's club movement and asked fewer irrelevant and foolish questions, Mrs. Carpenter moved that it be discontinued.

JEWISH WOMEN REPRESENTED

Mrs. Louis Hertz appeared as the representative of the National Council of Jewish women and gave a cordial greeting; Mrs. Elmer Laurence, secretary of the Woman's Rivers and Harbor congress, brought greetings from her organization, as did Captain J. B. White, president of the National Conservation congress, for that body.

It was announced that the luncheons which go with the tickets to the Greek theater and eastern bay shore excursion of this afternoon will be given out in front of the convention hall in Sutter street at 12 o'clock.

It is announced that Baroness von Suttner will speak this morning at the pavilion convention hall.

To fill the vacancy to be left by Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, who will retire from the board of directors of the general federation on account of ill health, Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Smith of Frankfort, Ky., president of that state's federation, will be put forward by her delegation for the unexpired term.

She will be named as a candidate and her election will be ardently advocated by her many friends in the convention. Mrs. Smith, who is a descendant of Henry Clay, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and studied later at Wellesley and in Munich for some time.

She has taken a prominent part in the affairs of her state.