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STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

On November 29th Baton Rouge will enjoy the honor of extending a hearty welcome to the State Federation of Women's Clubs to assemble in annual session. The delegates to this convention have been chosen from among the ablest and most progressive women of Louisiana, distinguished for the success they have achieved along educational, moral and social lines and for determination to secure for themselves and all other women of the present and future generations a political and legal status, without discrimination, reservation or curtailment, equal in every respect to that enjoyed by the male sex.

That Baton Rouge will extend the fair visitors a most cordial welcome and make their visit unusually pleasant and agreeable is an assured fact. The people of this city are decidedly proud of having an opportunity to entertain this body of bright and intellectual women and will prove their appreciation by the welcome they will extend.

Woman's Enterprise will joyfully join in that welcome and in the meantime expresses its intense gratification at the prospect of witnessing a legislative body of women to assemble for the first time for the political and social advancement of their sex within the shadow of the historic old Capitol of Louisiana. Welcome, welcome, Sister, may your labors during your meeting result in the fullest measure of success and to the benefit of all women and of the commonwealth as well.

LAW VIOLATED WITHIN THE SHADOW OF THE CAPITOL.

Law abiding citizens of Baton Rouge, men and women, were considerably surprised by learning from the State-Times of Oct-26 last that "whiskey is not only sold by the case and bottle, but there are said to be places on or near Third street where it is actually sold over the counter at 50 cents a drink." This statement made with a positiveness not to be contradicted is proof positive that the male portion of this community, by permitting laws to be openly violated and by closing their eyes to the demoralization and debauching of the rising generation, are woefully relax in performing the duties of good citizenship.

Certain it is that if such demoralizing conditions prevail those guilty of such open defiance of law and contempt of moral sentiment are known and the person or persons making such serious charges should inform the authorities whose duty it is to arrest law breakers instead of whispering, as it were, to newspapers; they should do their duty as good citizens.

The wisdom or unwisdom of enacting prohibition legislation is not a question to be discussed at this time; the day for discussion has passed as laws for the suppression of the liquor traffic are upon our statute books and must be enforced, therefore it is the bounden duty of every citizen to assist in such enforcement. To say that it is the duty of prohibition officials or municipal police alone to suppress the evil is to dodge the responsibility of citizenship. Police officials are representatives of the people only and are generally too few in number to cope with wide-spread conditions such as herein related. Take the police force of Baton Rouge for instance, count them and discover that as to number they are too few to do much more than regulate traffic along Third street, much less than to keep an eye on bold, sly bootleggers but who nevertheless are ready at all times to act promptly and efficiently at the call of any responsible citizen whether to arrest a highwayman or a sneaking, illicit whiskey dealer.

No, the responsibility for the illegal sale of liquor is no greater on the part of the police than upon any private citizen and if the latter, instead of rushing to a newspaper with complaints will lay counter at 50 cents a drink," offenders will be hauled before our courts with suddenness and the traffic materially decreased if not altogether suppressed.

It is a poor, weak, timid citizenship that is unable or unwilling to suppress a handful of men openly transacting an unlawful business; a few individuals openly violating the laws of the land, and it is to be hoped Baton Rouge citizens are not of that class. Newspaper and idle gossip will not abate willful violations of law. Both are about as effective as a bean propelled by a nigger shooter against a brick wall. Men, instead of crying out "Something should be done," do it! Get together and run all law violators out of town or incarcerate them in jail. Let each and all understand once and forever that the law shall not be violated with impunity within the bounds of the Capital City.

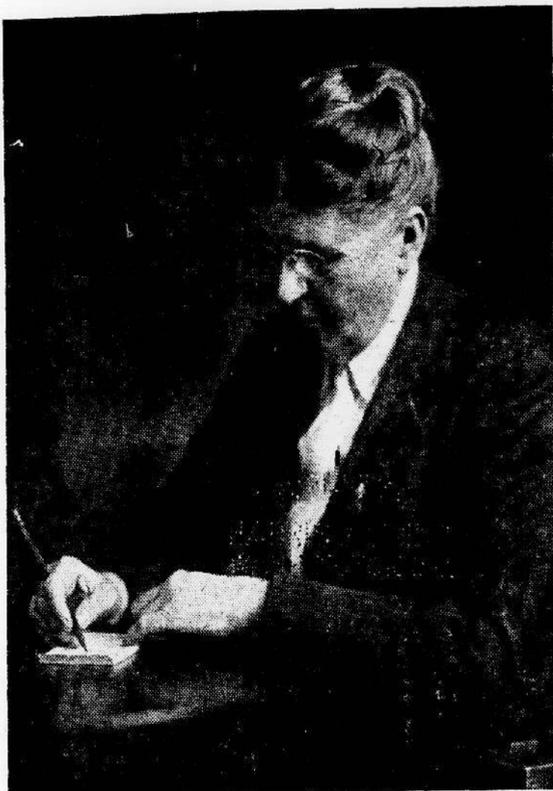
The reception given to Woman's Enterprise and its marked success is most gratifying to its editor and proprietor. Subscriptions as well as highly appreciated congratulations come in daily while advertisers seem to realize that women are principal purchasers in all lines of family supplies. It is doubtful if ever before a paper in Baton Rouge paid its expenses from the very first issue as is the case with Woman's Enterprise. The publisher is exceedingly proud of her efforts and profoundly grateful to patrons and particularly to those ladies of the several clubs who assisted us and to whose aid and encouragement Woman's Enterprise in a great measure owes its success. We take occasion at this time also to express our sincere thanks to the gallant Louisiana editors who have welcomed our appearance and we will endeavor to retain their good will by improving with every issue.

The detection and capture of the Third Street Blind Tiger will lessen in a slight degree only illicit liquor traffic and unless the better element of our citizenship give more aid and assistance to constituted authorities the nefarious trade will still flourish. It is up to our citizens with a knowledge of the lair of the animal to notify the prohibition or other officials whose duty it is to make arrests but it is doubtful if many will do so. The fact of the matter is that the majority sentiment of Baton Rouge is not favorable to the prohibition movement, as it stands on the statute books of the National or State governments. It is considered unnecessarily drastic, yet as it is the law of the land good citizens should observe it and assist in its enforcement. Bootleggers and blind tigers are committing crimes and when detected should be severely punished.

Some of the chaps who had hay fever during the flush times are now having summer cold along with the rest of us.

It is said that William the Conqueror could not write his name, but it will be admitted that he made a mark that endures.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER



MISS LAVINIA H. EGAN.
Member of the National Council of The National Woman's Party.

Miss Lavinia H. Egan, of Shreveport, Louisiana, member of the National Council of the National Woman's Party, is the daughter of the late Dr. J. C. Egan, for many years one of the leading physicians in the State.

Miss Egan, who is well-known as a journalist and magazine writer, is a past president of the Louisiana State Federation of Women's Club, and was a member of the national Board of Lady Managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. In the early days of the World War, Miss Egan was assigned to the Louisiana Unit of the National Speakers' Bureau making patriotic speeches over the state in connection with the National Council of Defense. Later she received a Government appointment under the Civil Service in Washington, where she became interested in the work of the National Woman's Party, having been elected a member of its governing board at the annual convention last February.

Miss Egan is an ardent feminist, and is interested in seeing laws giving women full legal and civil rights written into the statute books of the State of Louisiana.

MORRIS & BRIAN.

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