

Women's Clubs in Western Iowa Awake

Recently the woman's club movement in western Iowa has taken on a new life, and the interest was shown in a meeting at Carroll lately, when more than 100 women, representing clubs in the Tenth congressional district, gathered. In the body were some of the brightest women in the state. Twenty-one clubs were represented, the delegates coming from Boone, Coon Rapids, Denison, Glidden, Grand Junction, Emmetsburg, Jefferson, Odebolt, Seranton and other towns in the district.

Mrs. W. L. Culbertson of Carroll presided over the convention, which was held at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. W. R. Lee of Coon Rapids was secretary. The principal business of the session was an interchange of ideas on club work and the progress of the movement in the district represented. Reports were made from a dozen or more of the leading clubs on the work being accomplished and the methods pursued, and the discussions brought out were of especial interest to the club women.

One of the papers which attracted especial attention was on "Village Improvement," read by Mrs. M. C. Bibbs of Boone. She has made a careful study of the subject, and her paper was full of timely and pertinent suggestions. Her listeners were much edified by her arguments and conclusions.

"The Club as a Developing Agency," by Mrs. Mabel V. Dixon-Hutchinson of Ottumwa, who is widely known in Iowa club

Mrs. Minnie Fuller, by Mrs. W. L. Culbertson.

Emmetsburg—Friday club, Mrs. Powers, by Mrs. F. M. Powers.

Lake City—Monday club, Mrs. Strong, by Mrs. F. M. Powers.

Jefferson—Friday club, Mrs. Foy, Mrs. Carter, by Mrs. M. B. Minchen. Culture club, Mrs. Church, by Mrs. Macomber; Mrs. Barret, by Mrs. Lee. Sorosis club, Mrs. S. C. Culbertson, by Mrs. Lee.

Odebolt—Woman's Literary club, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Bay, by Mrs. Whitney.

Seranton—Bay View club, Mrs. Lewis, by Mrs. Chubbuck.

Delegates from the Carroll clubs were also present, the Musical Hour, the Cecilian club and the Clio club.

Anecdotes of Evarts

Many anecdotes of the quaint but dry humor of the late William M. Evarts are being related. Among the guests at a dinner to Daniel Webster in New York, says the Saturday Evening Post, was Dr. Benjamin Brandreth, the inventor of a celebrated pill known by his name. Mr. Evarts united these two great men in a volunteer toast to "Daniel Webster and Benjamin Brandreth, the pillars of the constitution!"

President Hayes was a total abstainer—at home. Scoffers said he only drank the "O. P. brands." His state dinners, other-

to allude to this course as "the life-saving station!"

To a lady who expressed surprise that one

wines that gave him trouble as the in-different ones.

Objection had been filed with the judiciary

the chairman called for the affidavits. The clerk produced a number from the files. Consulting his docket, Mr. Edmunds thought there were more, and others were found. A search disclosed another batch that had been overlooked.

"The papers in this case," said Mr. Evarts, "appear to be more dissipated, if possible, than the candidate!"

Rising to address informally the guests at a Thanksgiving dinner he began: "You have been giving your attention to a turkey stuffed with sage. You are now about to consider a sage stuffed with turkey."

One day a young woman dressed in the height of fashion, and with a most self-satisfied air, called him out of the senate for an interview in the marble room. She explained her visit as due to a desire to benefit his children. Mr. Evarts was all attention in an instant.

"I should like an engagement to instruct and entertain the younger members of your family," she went on. "My friends tell me that I am very clever, and I am accustomed to recite for hours every day."

"It may be said to have become chronic?" suggested Mr. Evarts, sympathically.

"I suppose so," the elocutionist answered with enthusiasm.

"Well," commented the senator, dreamily, "it has always been the practice of our family to mix benevolence with our business, whenever we can, but we have to exercise some discretion in doing this. We had a nursemaid once who became lame, and a coachman who was badly deformed by an accident. In both cases the misfortune occurred after the parties had entered our service, so that we felt bound, in Christian charity, to retain them for the rest of their days. But I should hardly feel justified in closing a contract with a governess whom I knew, at the time of making the engagement, to be in an advanced stage of elocution, probably incurable."

A Bachelor's Reflections

New York Press: Married men kiss from duty; married women kiss from habit.

Whenever you can get three ministers together, you can get a new funny story.

The ancients probably invented a pretty wife for the devil so as to explain why he was so wicked.

A woman is never worried by her big troubles near as much as she is troubled by her little worries.

Probably in heaven the women will all talk as nice to the men as they do on earth to their husbands when they have company.



GROUP OF IOWA WOMEN IN ATTENDANCE AT CARROLL, Ia., CONVENTION— Photo by Bostwick.



MRS. LEE OF COON RAPIDS. MRS. BIBBS OF BOONE. MRS. GARST OF COON RAPIDS.



MRS. W. R. LEE, COON RAPIDS, Secretary. MRS. W. L. CULBERTSON, CARROLL, President.

work, was read by Mrs. Foy of Jefferson. Mrs. Hutchinson was unable to be present. This paper called out considerable discussion and some very amusing experiences were related. Mrs. Clara Clark Garst of Coon Rapids read a carefully prepared paper on "Manual Training in the Public Schools." Mrs. Garst writes and reads well. The able manner in which she discussed the subject offered new stimulant to father, mother and teacher in pointing out the right direction in the training and managing of young America.

The object of the meeting was to stimulate the interest in club work and eventually bring all in the state into a federation.

Following is a list of the delegates present, the clubs they represented and the ladies who entertained them while in Carroll:

Boone—City federation, Mrs. Bibbs, Mrs. Slifer, entertained by Mrs. Hungerford; Shakespeare club, Mrs. Bremmerman, Miss Bibbs, by Mrs. Charles Gnam; Lowell club, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Barkley, by Mrs. A. L. Wright; Hawthorne club, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Black, by Miss Talbot; Mrs. Groner, Mrs. Dennis, by Mrs. Feigley; Graduation club, Mrs. McMahon, by Mrs. J. E. Griffith; Hypatia club, Mrs. Campbell, by Mrs. Park.

Coon Rapids—Woman's club, Mrs. Garst, Mrs. Asher, by Mrs. Burke; Mrs. Shute, by Mrs. Humphrey; Utile Dulci, Mrs. Dana, by Mrs. Pelsue.

Denison—Friday club, Mrs. Boynton, by Mrs. Burke; Mrs. Kemming, Miss Balle, by Mrs. J. L. Powers.

Glidden—Sorosis club, Mrs. S. T. Waldron, Mrs. Scott, by Mrs. Watts. Philomathean club, Mrs. William Waldron, Mrs. Orchard, by Mrs. Bruner.

Grand Junction—Twentieth Century club,

wise very elegant and costly, were served without wines. The only concession to conviviality was the Roman punch, flavored with Jamaica rum. Evarts was accustomed

of such slender frame and fragile physique could endure so many feasts, with their varying viands and different wines, he replied that it was not so much the different

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committee to the confirmation of a nomination on account of the dissolute habits of the appointee.

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MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUBS AT CARROLL, Ia.—Flashlight by Staff Artist.