

—make a botch of the whole building. The newspapers, notably the *Call* and the *News*, which have been and are united in obtaining subscriptions, are not in favor of the combination building. We will have the money for a good building of chipped brick and we have a model in the Tabernacle of the Mormons at Salt Lake city, whose acoustic properties have never been equaled.

The State Federation of Women's clubs meets in Beatrice October fifth, sixth and seventh. The women of Beatrice have made an arrangement with the hotels so that the delegates who wish, can be boarded at a very low rate. Besides Mrs. Henrotin, the president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Van Vechten of Iowa, and Mrs. McClinton of Kansas, will be present and address the women of Nebraska. The following program, which is not official, will be adhered to with the deviations required by circumstances. October 5 the executive board meeting and board of directors. Morning of the 6th, opening, seating of delegates and address of welcome by Mrs. Sarah Deutsch, president Beatrice club, with response from some one out in the state. Mrs. Carl Morton will then present the federation with a gavel, which will come just before the president's annual address. Roll call and reports from officers and clubs will follow, as well as committee reports. This will occupy the forenoon, and Mrs. Henrotin and the other outside women will be heard in the afternoon and evening.

On the 7th the conference of the recommended work will be held. Mrs. Harford of Omaha will speak for art, Mrs. Creary of Seward for village improvement, Mrs. M. B. True of Tecumseh for Fostering Public Libraries, Mrs. A. Scott of Lincoln, Reciprocity Bureau, and Mrs. W. G. L. Taylor in relation to Municipalities. Woman's work in Nebraska will be presented by Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey, chair, man of state correspondence. The discussion of the resolution in favor of mixed clubs will be opened by Fremont and Norfolk for the affirmative and Auburn and Omaha for negative.

The election of officers, reports of special and standing committees will close the meeting. Mrs. Jehnie Sedgwick of York will be in charge and as she is a musician of some distinction, that part of the program promises as well as the literary portion.

In Kansas City they are debating the question whether a man who is elected to represent a certain part of the city in the council is in duty bound to follow the expressed wishes of a majority of the voters of the ward that elected him when the plan proposed is, in his opinion, bad policy for the whole city. In Kansas City there is a councilman in the Seventh ward by the name of Simonds. The Seventh cast 2,770 votes at the last election. The petition asking his assent to a proposed park contains the names of 2,250 of his constituents and recites that only sixty of those asked for their signature refused. But Mr. Simonds will not vote for the park and he gives good reasons for refusing. The strongest is that the proposed location is miles away from workmen's homes, among the residences of the very rich who wish to surround themselves at the expense of the city with beautiful grounds in which their children, with their nurses, may take the air. Then the price of the grounds is \$603,000, twice what an individual would be asked for it. There are other strong objections but the main reason for his re-

fusal to vote the way his constituents want him to, is that it is a rich man's plan to sell real estate at an over-valuation, and rich men's plan to surround their homes with parks of English vastness and culture. Mr. Simonds says that if it is desired to make pleasure grounds for the working people it would be advisable to put them where a working man and his family can get at them at an expenditure of less than fifty cents and he proposes little flowered squares in those portions of the city where tall tenements hold thousands of people who can not spend ten cents for a reach of sky, acres of grass and trees filled with birds. Little parks, let down into the midst of the dirt and squalor, where the thin, heavy-headed children and discouraged mothers might play and rest, would be a sanitary measure worth spending \$2,000,000 for. As to the other measure Mr. Simonds says: "I will frankly say I can't do it, and I don't believe it is my duty to do it. It doesn't matter whether the majority or minority want it, it is so against good public policy and the principles of good government that I would feel that I had failed in the performance of a public duty if I did not cast my vote and use my influence against it." It is THE COURIER'S opinion after reading Mr. Simond's letter that he is right and that the names on the petition were secured by those who were interested either in selling the land or who reside in the neighborhood of the proposed park. Nevertheless it requires an honest man and a brave one to disregard the petition of those who elected him. He must hold honor dearer than preferment and ignore the danger of political extinction. He is not a demagogue. He is not a coward and he has that physiologic feature—a back-bone, once so common a possession of mankind but now unhappily becoming extinct and especially rare in Lincoln.

Miss Vesta Gray, secretary of the State Federation of Clubs, has sent out the following circular to all clubs in the state.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 31, 1897.—Secretary ——— club: The fourth annual meeting of the Nebraska Federation of Woman's Clubs will occur October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1897, in Beatrice.

Please fill the blanks in the attached coupons, and send the notice to me. Deliver the certificates, one to the president, or her substitute, the other to the chosen delegate, to be presented by them to the committee on credentials, which will be in session October 5th and 6th, at the First Presbyterian church in Beatrice.

If one hundred tickets are sold, the round trip may be made for one and one-third fare. Each one who goes from your town to said meeting, should procure the ticket agent a separate certificate for her ticket, and to deposit her certificate with the R. R. secretary of the N. F. W. C., Mrs. Sara M. Begole, at the First Presbyterian church, upon arrival at Beatrice, that we may comply with R. R. rules and secure reduced rates; after which, the certificates will be returned to the individuals. Where the journey is made over more than one line, passenger should procure certificate for each local ticket she purchases.

Delegates and visitors should go at once, upon arrival at Beatrice, to the First Presbyterian church and meet committee on credentials, R. R. secretary and entertainment committee.

Your attention is called to article IV, constitution of the N. F. W. C. A directors' meeting will be held at 3 o'clock p. m., October 5th, and your

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