

this board. Each department is entitled to one delegate beside the leader. The meeting is called by Mary M. Pugh, vice-president of Nebraska.

The Scotia Ladies' Reading club is in the tenth year of its career. Owing to the changes of residents which come to most small western towns, but few of the present members have belonged to the club for many years, only one, the writer, having been connected with the work since the first year. These changes have also been the cause of frequent changes in our line of work. However, we have taken up United States history, English history, general history, the Chataqua Spare Minute course, study of Shakespeare, study of Dickens, English literature, American literature. We are now engaged for a second year upon American literature. We meet every Tuesday afternoon from three to half past four. Program on February 1 was the life and works of Thomas Bailey Aldrich and Mary Mapes Dodge, led by Mrs. Graham. Mrs. Cornell read Aldrich's "The Young Desperado." Mrs. Graham read a very interesting article on Aldrich as a poet. Mrs. Fitzsimmons read Dodge's beautiful little poem, "A Child's Prayer." The topics of the day were especially interesting.

Miss Mattie Rogers in the Denver News says of the Denver Biennial: "The cry of the club women all over the land today is 'Westward Ho.' Anticipation in club circles is rising higher and higher. Women are beginning to realize that the most important biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs yet held will convene in Denver, Wednesday, June 22, 1908. The ardor of inspiration was fired two years ago at the biennial at Louisville, Ky., when the rigid conservatism of the east met the free enthusiasm of the west and was vanquished. The resolute courage of the Colorado delegation, the magnificent impression made on that convention by Mrs. Ashley and the fearless truth-speaking of Mrs. Platt shocked the stiff angles out of their prejudice into a more rounded appreciation of the independence, earnestness and zeal of the western woman.

The far-seeing and subtle brained president of the General Federation, Mrs. Henrotin, supported the decision of the board by a few wise words: "I feel that the women of the west have something to give us at the biennial, something in thought and method, which is to bring women out of the fearful individualism of the past. They have more of the progressive spirit of the world today than the women of the east and south have yet learned."

The smoke of battle for the biennial honor had scarcely cleared away when the machinery of the local biennial board was nicely adjusted, well oiled and in perfect working order. The chief among 4,000 club women of Colorado today is Mrs. James B. Grant, chosen to fill the position of greatest responsibility, the presidency of the biennial local board. She has the entire confidence of the women of Colorado to successfully manage the difficulties of biennial affairs. The recording secretary, Mrs. A. M. Wells; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John L. McNeil, and treasurer, Mrs. Owen E. LeFevre, are all women of rare wisdom and executive ability, tried by the fire of the club experience. Each chairman and member of committees is chosen for her peculiar fitness for her position.

The energetic chairman of the committee on transportation, Mrs. James H. Walker, of the Monday club, has made every exertion to procure for the biennial guests and tourists reduced railroad rates. The chairman of the committee on excursions Mrs. T. C. Chase of the North Side Woman's club, has recommended a monster complimentary excursion on the Union Pacific, Denver

and Gulf to Georgetown and around the marvelous "Loop," Saturday, June 25. Our guests may anticipate in this trip a dream of pleasure and a day of delight. They will pass through romantic villages, typical mining camps and health resorts nestling in the bosom of the snow mantled mountains, rising in majesty above them. They will steadily climb from the altitude of Denver, 5000 feet, sometimes with a grade of 217 feet to the mile, until they reach 9000 feet, and ride with increasing amazement over the windings of that triumph of inventive skill, the far famed Georgetown "Loop." In short, the biennial guests will have opportunity, by taking advantage of the low rates, to see what nature has done for Colorado in beauty of mountain pass, creek, canon and torrent, which makes her so famous in song and story.

At the end of a sunset ride planned by the committee, Elitch's gardens, in the suburbs of Denver, with its shaded retreats, luxurious flowers and sweet sounds of music, will be thrown open to the guests by the generous hospitality of the owner, Mrs. J. Elitch. The North Side Woman's club will entertain the visitors and serve refreshments at evening.

The entertainment committee has a chairman of extensive resources and brilliant social position, Mrs. W. G. Fisher of the Fortnightly Club, who has much to offer the biennial. Mrs. Fisher is fortunate in having for her assistants women famous for their social grace—Mrs. Chas. B. Kourtze and Mrs. N. P. Hill, Mrs. Edward G. Stoiber of Silverton, a sister of one of the General Federation directors; Mrs. Esther Allen Jones and a friend of Mrs. J. C. Croly (Jennie June) has promised a trip in her special car for some of the prominent leaders of the Federation, and a visit to her splendid home in the heart of the Rockies. There will be a grand reception at the Brown Palace hotel, and more private entertainments by Denver's social leaders than time will permit us to mention.

The officers and speakers of the Federation will be entertained by the club women of Denver. The Woman's Club will keep open house with hearty hospitality from the Alpha to the Omega of the convention. Through the untiring zeal of Miss Laura Parsons of the North Side Woman's Club, written statements have been procured of reasonable rates to the delegates from the principal hotels and boarding houses of the city. There is plenty of room and good cheer if they come 100,000 strong.

Miss Ida Miller of the Round Table Club has charge of the committee on place of meeting and music. It has been arranged for all sessions to be held in the handsome, commodious Broadway theatre. It has seating capacity for nearly 2000 people, good acoustic properties, and is centrally located. Denver is a musical city, and chorus, instrumental and vocal numbers given at the biennial will be of the best. Prof. W. J. Whitman, the able director of the Woman's club chorus and West Side public schools, will illustrate special methods in voice building by his young pupils. He has also in training a chorus of young girls, the daughters of club women, to assist at the biennial.

The bureau of information is in charge of Mrs. Jno. L. McNeil of the Fortnightly club. She has special genius for her position, and will arrange to have rooms opened near the auditorium where everything that can add to the health, comfort, happiness and rest of the Federation guests will be procured. Postoffice with mail delivery, telephones, express conveniences, register, daily newspapers, stationery, stenographer and typewriter-telegraph and district messenger boys will be at hand.

Artistic badges for use of the biennial are being designed by Mrs. James B. Belford of the Clio club.

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of Mrs. Wm. H. Kistler, chairman of the art and literature department of the Woman's club, and Mrs. James D. Whitman, the gracious vice-president of the Woman's club.

Mrs. Frank J. Mott of the Clio club well understands that no convention is perfect without a profusion of flowers and pretty girl ushers. She has arranged for the beautiful wild flowers of the Rockies to be brought in fresh every morning for the decoration of the theatre.

The press committee under the management of Miss Minnie Reynolds of the Rocky Mountain News, a delegate from the Round Table, is striving vigorously to reach through the principal newspapers and periodicals every club woman in the country, that all may appreciate the personal benefit and inspiration they will receive from attending the biennial.

Mrs. O. E. LeFevre of the Monday club has well known genius as a financier. The biennial board and club women of Colorado feel perfect confidence in her being able to control that especially important part of the biennial administration.

Mrs. Geo. L. Scott of the Fortnightly club has the program under the supervision. The full session of the General Federation will be from four to five days. Tuesday, the 21st of June, will be filled with board and council meetings.

Wednesday morning the Federation proper will open, with the president, Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, in the chair. There will be addresses of welcome by Governor Alva Adams and the mayor of Denver. Mrs. Eli M. Ashley will address the convention for the women of the State; Mrs. Sarah S. Platt for the women of the city. Responses and reports of officers.

Wednesday afternoon, conference of State chairmen, presided over by Mrs. Alice Ives Bree, vice-president of the General Federation, and a conference of State presidents, with Mrs. Henrotin in the chair.

Wednesday evening, education, studied from four different standpoints—ethical, manual, university extension and educational perse. Miss Annie Laws, auditor of the Federation, Mrs. Mary Mumford, Mrs. Ottley of Georgia and Mrs. Coray of Utah, will speak on their specialties.

Thursday morning, civic clubs, village improvement associations. Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson will have charge of the platform. "Co-operation Between Press and Club," Miss Swalm. Art clubs will have a voice at a second place of meeting, and some phases of economic work in clubs will be discussed.

Thursday afternoon will be given up to receptions, teas and entertainments by the Denver club women. "Uncut Leaves" will be the subject of an address by Mrs. C. P. Barnes, recording secretary of the Federation and chairman for that evening.

It is hoped that Miss Agnes Ruppier, Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart and Margaret Island will be present at the convention.

Friday morning, educational conference under the leadership of Miss Margaret Evans of the University of Minnesota; also kindergarten and physical culture exhibits.

Friday afternoon, "The Industrial

Problem as it Affects Women and Children." Chairman, Mrs. Breed. A famous specialist, Miss Clare de Graffenried, special agent of the United States department of labor, will give her experience along this line.

Saturday, excursion. Saturday evening, folk songs of America. In charge of Mrs. Philip N. Moore, corresponding secretary of the General Federation.

There are other attractive features on the program. Several famous actresses will be present and give their views of the educational value of the drama. Social conditions and its phases will be discussed. A children's meeting will be conducted by Mary Mapes Dodge, editor of *St. Nicholas*. On Sunday twelve pulpits will be supplied by famous women visitors and ministers of the Federation, among these Mrs. C. Stevenson and Mrs. Edwin Longstreth from Philadelphia and the Rev. Bartlett Crane are expected to be present.

Sunday evening the subject will be the "Spiritual Significance of Organization and National Song." Miss Jane Adams of Hull House, Chicago, and Mrs. B. Stoutenborough will make addresses.

Monday, 27th, address of Mrs. Henrotin and election of officers for General Federation.

To Mrs. Longstreth of Philadelphia, is due a new departure from conventional methods. There will be few or no essays or papers, but subjects will be introduced by speakers and submitted to the audience for debate—an open conference.

It will be a day of grand opportunity to hold loving communion with famous thinkers and workers western women have so longed to meet. The local board is fortunate in having so helpful an advisory committee as Mrs. Frank Trumbull, treasurer of the General Federation; Mrs. E. M. Ashley, chairman of State correspondence—a staunch pioneer in the development of woman's work in Colorado; Mrs. Mahlon D. Thatcher, the earnest, devoted president of the State Federation, and that great stronghold of love and power to Colorado women, Mrs. S. S. Platt, president of the Woman's Club of Denver.

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