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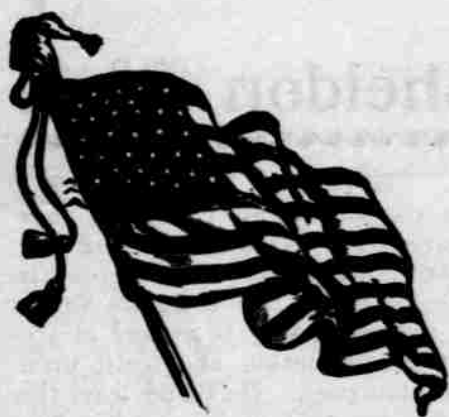
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OBSERVATIONS.

The able life of Lord Nelson by Captain A. T. Mahan, which was reviewed in these columns last week, is in the city library. Captain Mahan is considered an authority upon naval affairs and their history. The library also contains his other works in that line: "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History;" "The Influence of Sea Power Upon the French Revolution and Empire;" and "The Interest of America in Sea Power, Present and Future."

The insurance companies are insisting that the water supply of Lincoln should be increased. About a year ago when THE COURIER was advocat-

ing an adequate test of the Mockett well, the president of one of the largest insurance companies in the city announced to what he calls his friends that the water system on the east should not be extended. Nevertheless the well was tested, found to contain good water and is now one of the principal sources of water supply of the city.

The nominations by the recent county convention will result in a victory for the democratic and fusion party. The respectable republicans have shown on two elections that they prefer the defeat of their own party to the disgrace and dishonor which result from a victory under the leadership of Mayor Graham and his associates. The better element in Lincoln have given warning by their votes to the republican party bosses that they will disregard party nominations if the nominees are not representative men and they will do it. The fusionists, assisted by the disgusted republicans, have a majority in this county. They have demonstrated it before and they are about to do it again.

Papers like the New York Sun and the Boston Transcript, which have not enlarged the size of their type or the width of columns because of the war may not be opened with so much curiosity as the yellow journals but it is these papers (Transcript and Sun) whose news and comment is credibly received and great will be their eventual reward. The World and The Journal are quoted with a laugh and a warning to wait and see what the reliable paper says. Those who wait for news of a company in which a son or a brother is marching avoid the yellow journals. For the sake of a sensation the World would report the death of a man and correct it the next day. Counting the unnecessary shocks which it distributes every day of no especial consequence if the bereaved can be comforted the next day with an authentic report. Consequently friends who have relatives in the war refuse to buy the yellow journals. As soon as the yellow papers discover the unpopularity of harrowing and connects it with the falling off of their sales they may reform from necessity.

The Colorado reception to the club women of America was hearty and generous. Members of the Denver Woman's club and of the North Side Woman's club gave receptions, teas, trolley rides and excursions to the delegates. There were about a thousand

and who were entertained by the Denver people with a liberality and friendliness that will never be forgotten. The wealthy mistresses of beautiful homes in Denver filled them with guests from abroad, besides giving the functions referred to. The little mining town of Idaho Springs; containing only eighty club women, gave a luncheon to the excursionists around the loop. The guests were waited upon by the members of the resident clubs. No opportunity for the expression of good will was unimproved. An expression of good will and friendliness which involves so much labor in a day as the preparation and serving of an elaborate luncheon on a hot day to a thousand or more, is heartfelt. The civil war might have been prevented if the two parts of the country had understood each other. But the south thought the Yankees cowards and influenced only by money considerations and the north thought the south blustering, boastful and cruel. In reality we are the same people differentiated only by characteristics of dress, speech and manners superinduced by climate and environment. While this club organization exists a fatal misunderstanding between sections of this country is improbable. And herein with the promotion of sympathy and unselfishness and the final acquisition of equal rights for all lies the reason for being of the general federation and of all woman's clubs.

The biennial meeting of women's clubs which has just occurred at Denver was the fourth of a series of gatherings which marks the beginning of an organization that will teach women the value of combination and the strength of it.

The political sessions—those occasions when the delegates discussed amendments to their constitution or elected officers—were characterized by forcible, pointed and eloquent speeches, preceded by caucuses and careful arrangements. An outsider, ignorant of the points or persons under discussion, would have been interested by the eagerness and cleverness of the arguments. There is no flavor of the encyclopedia in the speeches concerning the officers of a woman's federation. Individuality, which is the charm of a work of art whether in colors, stone, notes or in human speech, gives style to the speeches and holds an audience unconscious of the quality which is fascinating it.

The crowds of women who came from all over the United States were not influenced by a desire to listen to

essays or papers on literary, artistic or historical subjects. The general federation of women's clubs is a strong organism. From the president to the humblest member of an obscure federated club the connection is unbroken and the scheme of representation is democratic. The new basis of taxation, which is ten cents per capita per annum instead of so much per club, places the taxpayer in a more direct relation to the general federation and will tend to increase the strength of the union.

Among the topics discussed at the recent meeting, those pertaining to the duties of civic life, and the relation of women to industrial progress, were of greatest interest. Trades unions and the good which they have accomplished for workmen was ably demonstrated by Miss Jane Addams, who has learned by her work among the toilers, their aims, methods and heroic willingness to starve for an ultimate victory not likely to be celebrated before the middle of the next century.

The good fellowship, the assumption that being a club woman was introduction enough, the recognition of the many things which are uniting women, and especially American women, in an organization strong enough to demand rather than appeal, was universal. The long program from a literary point of view was frequently weak and tiresome. Several thousand people with more than average intelligence have the right to be addressed by the best speakers available. The essays on the duties of man and the high calling of woman, in general terms applied to nothing in particular, which seem impossible to eliminate from such gatherings were in the minority but their occasional appearance was painful to a degree.

All the sessions devoted to special topics presented by specialists like Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Sidney Webb, Miss Beeks of the national association of women stenographers, Mrs. Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, Miss Agness Repplier, Miss Ruth McEnery Stuart, Miss Winslow of the Club woman, and others were of much value and the audience listened to the speakers with that motionless, noiseless attention that is a much more sincere tribute than applause. The speakers who had no message to deliver except the old one of "Be good and you will be happy" were certainly a trial. The high school graduate's exhortations are tolerated because she is speaking to friends and relatives. The woman who attempts to exhort and stimulate in general terms with however rich a vocabulary and imagery representa-