

but of the Declaration as well. This trust-insistence upon shutting our possessions off from the American spirit and economy is revolting to all persons who believe in equal rights for all, special favors for none. The president's plan of turning the tariff proceeds from Porto Rico back to the island is only a trick. The industries of the island, that will be crushed cannot profit by the expenditure of the revenue as proposed. The agriculture and manufactures of the island are looking for a market, and they can't get the nearest natural market, owing to the tariff. They must languish. There will be no trade, hence no tariff revenue. There will be nothing to devote to education and improvement of the island, if trade be cut down. And we shall have to appropriate money to save the people of Porto Rico from starvation, when the tariff ruins business in the island so that there will not be enough business to make the tariff productive. The people are beginning to see this. They see that the administration doesn't care what happens to our possessions, so long as the possessions do not hurt the trusts. The people are weary of syndicate rule at Washington. They see that the protected industries regarded the election of 1896 as giving the magnates carte blanche to do anything they wish. The ship-subsidy snap, numerous Nicaragua snaps, the Gage-treasury snap, the embalmed beef snap—all these things have convinced the public that the people who put up the money to elect McKinley are using the administration to get back their money at a thousand per cent profit. Prosperity is not fooling the people, either, as much as the president's friends may think. High prices are what the silverites wanted in 1896. They have got them. But the best thinking people know that prices are too high, even though the fact be admitted that prices were too low in the years between '93 and '95. Prosperity has not struck the wage-earner nor the salaried man. But the price of things those people need is going up steadily. And the indications for the near future are very cheap wheat. If everything the farmer sells is to be cheap, while everything he buys is dear, as is likely to be the case with the market before the presidential election, there will be such a discontent for the administration to face as the syndicates have not counted upon. And it is not likely that the republican national committee will be able to "boost" wheat, as it did from August to October, in 1896, to convince the farmer of the fallacy of the wheat-silver sympathy."

Mrs. Jones—Do you believe in a personal devil?

Jones—Well, I've always thought your mother had some mission in life.—Town Topics.

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CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

March.	
24.	Excelsior c., Wilcox, Markham.....Lincoln
24.	Woman's c., English History.....Stromsburg
24.	{ New Review and Art c., Titian, Tin- toretto.....York
24.	{ History and Art c., Writers of the middle ages--The servant ques- tion.....Seward
24.	Woman's c., The Crusades.....North Bend
24.	Woman's c., Music.....Lincoln
24.	{ Fin de Siecle c., Alcott, Ripley, Ossoli.....Seward
24.	Woman's c., Colonial expansion.....Syracuse
26.	{ Woman's c., Parliamentary prac- tice.....Omaha
26.	{ Woman's c., Political and social science.....Omaha
26.	Woman's c., Career of Napoleon.....Minden
26.	Sorosis, Polar navigation.....Stanton
26.	Woman's c., Physical education.....Lincoln
27.	{ Sorosis, Philosophy of the Ver- dantes.....Lincoln
27.	{ Century c., The school system-- Universite of the Netherlands.....Lincoln
27.	Woman's c., Current topics.....Omaha
27.	Woman's c., Ethics and Philosophy.....Omaha
27.	Woman's c., French conversation.....Omaha
27.	{ History and Art c., England's rela- tions with the United States dur- ing the rebellion.....Albion
27.	Current events.....Lincoln
28.	Woman's c., Oratory.....Omaha
28.	Woman's c., Home department.....Fairbury
28.	Woman's c., History.....Lincoln
28.	Woman's c., Art.....Omaha
28.	Woman's c., Current events.....Lincoln
30.	{ Woman's c., American artists in Rome--The Ghetto.....Lincoln
30.	Woman's c., Current topics.....Stromsburg
30.	{ Self-Culture c., Mothers and child ren.....St. Paul
30.	{ Woman's c., Educational laws of Nebraska.....Plattsmouth
30.	Woman's c., Music.....Lincoln
30.	XIX. Century c., Painting in Spain.....Seward
31.	{ Fin de Siecle c., Comparison be- tween American and English wo- men as novelists.....Seward
31.	{ Woman's c., Parliamentary practices.....North Bend
31.	Woman's c., Child Study.....Lincoln
31.	Woman's c., French.....Lincoln
31.	{ Zetetic c., Problems in American politics.....Weeping Water
31.	{ History and Art c., Rudolph of Hapsburg--Ludwig of Bavaria-- The Bavarian women.....Seward

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Tuesday evening, March 13th, the Stromsburg woman's club held a children's meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Little. Potted plants in profusion were tastefully arranged and the parlors prettily decorated in the club colors—green and white. The guests and members were entertained with a Eugene Field program by the little folks, consisting of poetical selections from his works, songs and music. A luncheon was served in several courses, the entertainment closing with extemporaneous speeches by the gentlemen, in which hearty words of appreciation were expressed. This is but the first of a series of gatherings planned by the club for the benefit of the social department.

The regents of the state university of Illinois decided last week to establish a department of domestic science, which shall be a department of the college of agriculture, and will be formally opened at the beginning of the university year next September.

The book reception given recently by the Fairbury club brought in between sixty and seventy books, some of them valuable ones and all of them good works for a library.

The Mental Culture club of Auburn met with Mrs. McGrew Thursday afternoon, March 8th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. C. Bonefield; vice presi-

dent, Mrs. Anna Allen; second vice president, Mrs. W. H. Stowell; secretary, Mrs. S. W. McGrew; treasurer, Mrs. S. Reed. James Russell Lowell, his life and literary works were discussed and a few minutes were devoted to the topics of the day.

The meeting held Tuesday, March 13th, by the department of literature in the club rooms at Fairbury was a very enjoyable one. Roll call was responded to by quotations from Drummond, followed by biography. The topic for the afternoon was "In and About Our National Capital," and consisted of talks by a number of ladies who had spent some time in Washington. Each one described some particular place of interest—the capitol, new library, soldiers' home, art gallery, Mount Vernon, Arlington. The time was so well filled that the original study that had been planned will be given at another meeting. A vocal solo closed the program.

Mrs. Frank M. Hall will talk upon "Paris and Its Environs" on March 30th, before the woman's club of Columbus. In the afternoon she will speak to the school children of Columbus upon the congressional library. Mrs. Hall has a lantern and her own slides. April 16th Mrs. Hall will speak to the Omaha women's club upon Rosa Bonheur and the Barbizon school.

I have received some very valuable suggestions from state federations concerning the readjustment of the general federation of women's clubs. The Colorado federation reports as follows:

I. That the office of state chairman of correspondence shall be continued; that said chairman shall be a member of a club directly federated with the G. F. W. C., and that she shall be elected by her state federation and be, ex officio, a member of its executive board.

II. That presidents of state federations only shall be vice presidents of the general federation.

III. That the meetings of the G. F. W. C. be triennial instead of biennial.

IV. That the number of general officers of the G. F. W. C. remain unchanged; that they be elected for a term of three years, and that the president shall not be a candidate for re-election.

V. That national organizations shall not be eligible to membership in the G. F. W. C.

VI. That we thoroughly approve of the ten cents per capita tax.

VII. That we do not favor a reorganization of the general federation which shall deprive clubs of their individual representation in that body, but we recommend that the clubs having a membership of one hundred or over be represented by the president and one delegate, and clubs having a membership under said number shall be represented by the president alone. State federations of more than fifty clubs shall be represented by four delegates; under that number by two delegates.

The action taken by the Georgia state federation will be of special interest to club women. At the November convention the subject of reorganization was referred to their executive board, which has sent the following advisory plan for readjustment to the reorganization committee:

"Whereas, The general federation is a fraternity for the promotion of self culture, social service and universal progress, for the interchange of views and the intercommunication of different sections;

"Whereas, The laity of an association organized for culture, service and progress can never become too numerous;

"That to reduce the representation would restrict the present usefulness of

the federation and contract its future power;

"That the larger the biennials, the greater the inspiration.

"Whereas, The general federation is not a commercial corporation, instituted for personal and selfish ends, in which the largest stockholders control the greatest number of votes;

"Whereas, It is not a political body, therefore representation should not be measured by taxation;

"Whereas, It is not intended for state or sectional domination, therefore representation should be equal;

"Whereas, For all these reasons the ideal relation of members to the federation lies in the willingness of each woman to contribute her share (ten cents a year) to the support of this great body without desiring to pool a number of these small payments for purposes of political dominance; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Georgia federation suggests:

"Article I. a. That the general federation shall consist solely of individual clubs.

"b. The state federation shall exist as a state organization, to enlarge and develop such work as may seem most needed for the welfare of each state.

"c. The state president and her general federation committee shall control and strive to augment all general federation interests within the boundary of the state.

"d. This federation committee shall be the medium of communication between the state and general federations, and this committee shall report regularly to the state executive board. The chairman of this committee shall be ex-officio state delegate to the biennial.

"e. The committee of correspondence shall cease to exist, and its work shall be performed by federation committees of state federations.

"f. The number of general officers shall remain unchanged.

"g. A per capita tax of ten cents shall be levied annually from each member of every federated club.

"h. Each club shall have equal representation at the biennial.

"i. Each club shall send to the biennial, its president and as many delegates as may be decided upon hereafter.

The Connecticut federation reported to the reorganization committee as follows:

1. The Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs is in favor of a reorganization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs which shall give each club its representation in that body through its state federation only.

2. The federation believes in triennial meetings of the general federation.

3. The federation proposes that each state shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred members or fraction of one hundred which exceeds one-half.

4. The federation proposes that each state shall pay into the treasury of the general federation \$3.00 for every one hundred members of the state federation or fraction of one hundred which exceeds one-half.

5. The federation is not in favor of allowing national societies to join the state federations through their local societies and chapters.

6. The federation believes that each state should appoint its delegates and collect its dues as it sees fit.

From reports sent to the reorganization committee, the impression is growing that the small clubs should not be cut off from direct connection with the fountain head of inspiration. To respond to the very just criticism that the executive body is too large, the suggestion is made that the presidents of state federation only shall be vice presi-