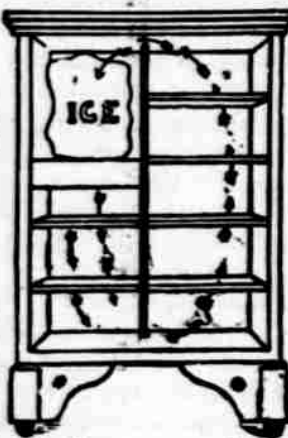


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waukee men have been putting on airs and claiming fishing engagements for this week, but the scales have now fallen from their eyes. Some of the members of the local reception committees are now talking of taking the men at their word and barring them out. But, then, some of the club women have met some of these young men and have found them quite interesting—for men. So, in the spirit of true hospitality, the ignorant men creatures will be forgiven and allowed to come back.

There are many things which it would pay men to study in this gathering of women. One of these is the easy way in which the brainy leaders and their workers have mastered the fine points of the political game. The politician's warm handshake, the winning smile, the confidential conference and the shrewd glance were all used with telling effect among the delegates in the Plankinton rotunda this afternoon and evening.

Down at the passenger stations of the railroads a double force of men tugged all day with something new in the convention line. It was the wagon train, so to speak, of this army of fair invaders. There were mountains of trunks and incoming trains added to the number faster than they could be hauled away. There were all kinds and varieties of trunks, but there was a general tendency toward the Brobdingnagian Saratoga. Some of these trunks would have made neat summer resort cottages, and the baggage men snorted and said things when they loaded them on the wagons for delivery at the hotels. And being men, lacking in executive capacity of a higher order, they mixed these trunks up occasionally, so there were troubles and tears in many rooms at the hotels and later on irate women breathing well-bred vengeance at the hotel clerks. For this was social function day to a large

extent, and what was even a club woman to do with nothing to wear?

"Oh, dear," cried a trim little woman from Baltimore, "I don't know what to do. I have just opened the trunk in my room and what do you suppose I found in it? Why gowns as big as a circus tent."

A woman madly struggling toward the desk gave a little shriek, and turning clasped the little Baltimore woman in her arms.

"Oh, you dear little thing," she cried, "how lucky it is I have found you. I have a trunk in my room full of doll dresses." And five minutes later they exchanged rooms; it was easier than to move the trunks, and there was no time to spare.

John S. Runyon, depot baggage-master at the union passenger station, said that the average number of trunks to each club woman was two. Three extra men were engaged at this station to take care of the extra work incurred by the coming of the club women and their Saratoga trunks from all parts of the country. No attempt was made to handle the large amount of baggage in the usual room set aside for that purpose in the station, but a shed was put up on the platform. The various packages were arranged according to number in much the same manner as the baggage is handled by initial letters at ocean steamship docks.

So far, Buffalo is the only city to bid for the next convention. The feeling is that some eastern city is entitled from a geographical standpoint to be the next hostess, as the west has had its own way for two biennials.

SECOND DAY.

Milwaukee, June 6.—The second day of the club women's biennial convention opened with a steady rain. Delegates who left their short skirts at home and are thus wary about venturing out to the convention halls filled the hotel corridors to discuss the live issues of the hour. The ticket made out late last night with Mrs. Lowe for president and Mrs. Dennison for vice president was a surprise to many, after Mrs. Lowe's refusals, but there seems to be an impression the ticket will carry. The question of reorganization was made the first order of business at the regular session today. Mrs. Horace Brock of Pennsylvania, leader of the reorganization forces, started the debate. This discussion gave way to the education session at ten o'clock, but was considered again in the afternoon.

Reorganization, however, has shrunk into insignificance beside the color question. After a stormy conference the executive board declared that Mrs. Ruffin, delegate from the New Era, a negro woman's club in Boston, would not be recognized in that capacity. In brief, the New Era is tabooed, although Mrs.

Ruffin has her credentials signed by Mrs. Lowe of Georgia, president of the federation, and her certificate of paid dues signed by the treasurer, Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis. But Mrs. Ruffin comes also as delegate-at-large from the state of Massachusetts and from the New England Woman's Press association. In these two official capacities she is accorded her seat in the convention. But with Mrs. Ruffin it is a matter of principle to see that she and her race have justice, and she stands for the New Era club backed by Massachusetts clubdom. She is of middle age and wears her white hair in pompadour. Her face is of a deep olive complexion. Her personality is pleasing and intellectual. In an interview Mrs. Ruffin said:

"My mother was a white woman and my father a blending of French and Indian. The negro strain came from farther back. But I stand as a colored woman and whatever I have of courage, energy, determination or small talents is at the service of my race so long as I shall live."

"I believe," Mrs. Ruffin added, "in the beneficial effects of club life for women, and the colored woman needs it more than the white."

The Alhambra, handsomely decorated and filled with delegates, presents an imposing scene. Satin banners illuminated with the names of the states fall from oak standards.

Missouri delegates are seated with those from Massachusetts and Nebraska, to the left of the stage. The Kansas, Iowa and Ohio delegates are in the center, while along the rear of the stage are the women from Oklahoma, Rhode Island and other states.

The educational meeting at the Alhambra this morning was presided over by Miss Margaret J. Evans, dean of Carlton college, Northfield, Minnesota. Miss Evans divided the program between educators from all parts of the United States, with a discussion on compulsory laws, opened by Miss Amelia Fruchte of St. Louis.

At the same time a newspaper women's meeting was held in the Davidson theater and personal opinions were expressed on the following subjects:

The value of the club to the newspaper woman.

What should be the relation between the club woman and the press?

That club column.

Does the press create, or is it the medium for expressing public opinion?

A business meeting this afternoon will be followed by a Lake park drive to Milwaukee—Downer college.

One of the most successful art sessions was held last night under the supervision of Mrs. Herman J. Hall, chairman of the federation art committee.

The Alhambra stage was transformed into a sculptor's studio with casts and hangings. When the curtain rose, Mrs. Hamlin Garland, the speaker of the evening, was at work on a clay model. At her left was Miss Jessie Farnham, an art student, and Mr. Sherry Fry of Creston, Iowa. All were in sculptor's garb, Mr. Fry wearing one which belonged to Ordway Partridge, the famous Boston sculptor. While the artists continued to mould in clay, the Euterpean choir, an organization of Milwaukee women concealed from sight, gave a classic chant. Then two doors at the back of the stage opened and thirty young girls in Greek dresses of pale rose gray, yellow and green, crossed the stage in double lines and passed down into the audience distributing art souvenir programs. These were all designed by Mrs. Hall's artist friends. Then came Mrs. Garland's lecture in conversational style on "Possibilities of Sculpture in Our Modern Cities." Mrs. Garland is the wife of Hamlin Garland, the novelist, and a sister of Lorado Taft, the sculptor, but upon her own per-

sonal account she is a capable, sweet-voiced, sweet-faced young woman who taught many members of the federation more about one particular line of art than they had dreamed in a life time. After the lecture, Mrs. Laura Tidale of Chicago, posed after a number of famous Greek statues.

Greeting to the women of the biennial convention have been received from Mrs. May Wright Sewall, president of the international council of women, from Ellen Terry and from Mme. Modjeska. Miss Terry says in conclusion:

"I am not a club woman, but I am the next best thing, for my daughter is. And she tells me about her work and I advise her as well as I can, and I believe with her that it is one of the greatest things of the century—this woman's club movement."

And Mme. Modjeska says: "In the name of Polish women of America and of Poland I join in earnest hope that this important gathering in Milwaukee will prove a most brilliant success, and deeply regret that I cannot be personally present upon this occasion."

Mrs. Sewall writes: "Five thousand women concentrated at Milwaukee, uniting their affections, their intellects, their prayers and their practical judgment in the interest of human betterment, are an immeasurable force."

Milwaukee, Wis., June 7th.—For two hours there was a most spirited consideration of the question of reorganization at the Woman's club convention. After a roll call by states the vote stood 296 in favor of reorganization and 431 against. The vote was received with long applause.

Following this business session, the honorary president of the organization, Mrs. Ellen Herrobin, of Chicago, appeared for the first time and was given an ovation.

The Nebraska women held a meeting on Tuesday morning, President Apperson presiding. Mrs. Langworthy of Seward was elected a member of the nominating committee. Nebraska women who are registered here are: Mesdames C. H. Gere, Ricketts, Bushnell, Lahr, Barbour, Evans, Plummer, Atwood, Miller and Fields of Lincoln. Mesdames Langworthy and Dickinson of Seward. Mesdames Cady and Growthens of St. Paul. Mesdames Monett and Hood of Central City. Mesdames Stoutenborough and Clark of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Apperson of Tecumseh.

The committee on education of the Alabama Federation of Women's clubs read an interesting report at the state federation meeting, which met at Birmingham, Alabama, in May. "Woman's Work," a very interesting club magazine, prints this report, from which the following is taken:

The ever increasing interest of the clubs, and their attitude towards the cause, is very encouraging; three clubs, the Shakspeare of Mobile, the Studiosis of Montevallo, the Studiosis of Anniston, each sustains a scholarship at the Montevallo Industrial school; other clubs contribute to the same cause, and still more to the traveling library. Studiosis of Anniston also gives largely to the Free Kindergarten association.

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