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NEBRASKAN GETS IN

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CHANCES ARE GOOD FOR HER ELECT

Delegates Discover Harmless Looking Resolution is Loaded

LEGISLATE EX-PRESIDENT OUT OF HONORS

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DEBATE OVER AMENDMENT TO LAWS

Prospects Are There Will Be Little Contest Over the Principal Offices of the Federation and Some Will Be Unanimous.

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—(Special Telegram.)

A second session was sprung upon the seventh biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the close of this morning's session, when the women waked up to the fact that they had unwittingly acceded to a scheme to depose an honorary president of the general federation. A motion was made at the close of the nominating session this morning by Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin of Chicago that the action of the Denver biennial six years ago making all presidents of the general federation who had served two terms honorary presidents of the organization be rescinded and that the convention in the future elect women to that office if it was desired. It was generally supposed that the action was intended to admit of conferring the honor on Mrs. Denison, the present president, who had served one term and who declined to serve again, and the motion was unanimously passed without discussion. Later it developed that the motion was an ingenious means of eliminating from the honorary roll the name of Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, past president of the general federation, who in her recent marriage with Charles Ginton, late of New York, now of Washington, D. C., a divorcee under sensational circumstances, the women feel has violated some of the highest standards of their great organization. By rescinding the action of the Denver meeting the name of Mrs. Henrotin is abolished. Since the organization of the federation, in 1890, there have been but four presidents, Mrs. C. E. Brown of New Jersey, now deceased; Mrs. Henrotin of Chicago, Mrs. Lowe of Georgia and Mrs. Denison, and Mrs. Lowe, it is the intention of Mrs. Henrotin's friends to at once re-elect her honorary president. Mrs. Denison will be offered a like honor, but has expressed her intention of declining it, thus establishing a precedent that will retain the office to one woman at a time.

Decorations for Merit.

A resolution regarding which there is much feeling will be presented tomorrow through the resolutions committee providing for the establishment by the general federation of an order of decoration for women of some recognized merit, a limited number of decorations to be conferred each year.

Still further agitation of the Mormon question was brought up and over an hour was given to discuss the same at the present session of the Utah problem by two prominent women of the state. It is known that there are two polygamous wives in the Utah delegation.

A resolution will be presented the convention Wednesday recommending that the federation endorse the pending action of congress and urge speedy enactment. The nomination of Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenborough as a director was a distinct compliment to Nebraska, particularly as it received no opposition in the nominating committee. The delegation is confident of her election.

Nebraska Woman Honored.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by the chairman. Forty-seven states and territories were represented on the committee. The report followed: President, Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, Denver; first vice president, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, St. Louis; second vice president, Mrs. Aiden Ward, Boston; recording secretary, Mrs. John D. Sherman, Chicago; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Louis E. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C.; treasurer, Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker, Austin, Tex.; auditor, Dr. Sarah H. Kendall, Washington; directors, Mrs. Charles A. Perkins of Tennessee, Mrs. Lydia P. Williams of Minnesota, Miss Belle M. Stoutenborough of Nebraska, Mrs. Charles Faraday of New Jersey, Mrs. Josiah Eeles of California, Mrs. William P. Orr of Ohio, Mrs. Mary I. Wood of New Hampshire, Mrs. Edward L. Johnson of Rhode Island.

Immediately after the adoption of the report of the nominating committee, the following resolutions were made from the floor: Recording secretary, Mrs. William T. Coak of Minnesota; directors, Mrs. H. O. Garvey of Kansas, Mrs. Lawrence Haines of Florida, Mrs. J. W. Smith of Indiana, Mrs. A. C. Scott of Indian Territory, Mrs. J. Lindsay Johnson of Georgia and Mrs. Mary Lockwood of the District of Columbia. The nominations were then declared closed and the official ballots ordered printed.

The only candidates for re-election are Mrs. Poppenheim and Mrs. Coak, the former not having any opposition. With the exception of the directors, little interest attaches to the election, owing to the fact that there was only one candidate for each of the three principal offices.

By the previous action of a constitutional amendment adopted at this convention, the method of election has been changed, and instead of the ballots being sent to the platform to be counted by the tellers there, ballot boxes were used. The polls were open from 9 until 5 p. m.

Debate on Amendments.

The remainder of the business session was devoted to consideration of amendments to the constitution. Considerable discussion was aroused by the proposed amendment providing for a new apportionment of dues to be paid by the clubs forming a margin.

This action taken at a former biennial, providing that former presidents of the federation who had served for two terms should become honorary presidents, and creating those positions, was evoked by the unanimous vote of the convention. A resolution was adopted providing that

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