

CLUBS.

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CALENDAR OF NEBRASKA CLUBS.

January.

27.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln
27.	Woman's c., English History.....	Syracuse
27.	Review and Art c., Correggio.....	York
27.	Pansy c., Alcott and Twain.....	Tecumseh
27.	Woman's c., English History.....	Stromsburg
27.	Woman's c., Revolution in French Politics.....	North Bend
27.	History and Art c., The Franconian Emperors.....	Seward
27.	Fin de Siecle c., Longfellow.....	Seward
29.	Woman's c., Current Events.....	Lincoln
29.	Woman's c., Parliamentary Prac- tice.....	Omaha
29.	Woman's c., Political and Social Science.....	Omaha
29.	Sorosis, Social.....	Stanton
29.	Matinee Musicale, Artists' Recital.....	Omaha
29.	Woman's c., Current Events.....	Lincoln
30.	History and Art c., Advancement in Science.....	Albion
30.	Woman's c., German History.....	Omaha
30.	Woman's c., Current Topics.....	Omaha
30.	Woman's c., Ethics and Philosophy.....	Omaha
30.	Woman's c., French Conversation.....	Omaha
31.	Century c., Dutch Painters During the 16th and 17th Centuries.....	Lincoln
31.	Woman's c., Oratory.....	Omaha
31.	Woman's c., Art.....	Omaha
31.	Woman's c., History.....	Lincoln

February.

2.	Hall in the Grove, Rome.....	Lincoln
2.	Woman's c., Laws Relating to the Property Rights of Women.....	Plattsmouth
2.	Woman's c., Music.....	Lincoln
3.	XIX Century c., Albrecht Durer.....	Seward
3.	Zetetic c., Shakspeare.....	Weeping Water
3.	Woman's c., Miscellaneous Literature.....	North Bend
3.	Fin de Siecle c., Edgar Allen Poe.....	Seward
3.	History and Art c., Weir, Mitchell.....	Seward
3.	Pansy c., Wescott and Field.....	Tecumseh
3.	Woman's c., Child Study.....	Lincoln
3.	Woman's c., French.....	Lincoln

OFFICERS OF N. F. W. C., 1899 & 1900.

Pres., Mrs. Anna L. Apperson, Tecumseh.
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Atropos to the mixed clubs, the men were very generally included in the festivities attendant upon the ushering in of the new year. At the New Year receptions of the women's clubs in Nebraska they were made the guests of honor, and enjoyed the tribute. But it remained for New York Sorosis to take a long step ahead and invite the gentlemen to a luncheon on New Year's day. The beautiful and commodious ball room of the Waldorf-Astor was transformed into a dining hall, where three hundred and fifty guests were seated at small tables while an elaborate luncheon was served. One charming feature was the choral blessing song before the serving began. After luncheon, the guests whom these club women delighted to honor were further entertained with an afternoon musical and philanthropic program at the Astor gallery.

The Twentieth Century club of Marshalltown, Iowa, is a mixed club and is also an accepted member of the state federation. But the wives and mothers of this club claim that they have the "lords of creation" under good subjection. The women plan the business and do the voting and permit the men to pay the bills. There is a similar club in Lincoln, Nebraska. I think they call their husbands "the annex." That very complimentary term was coined by some of our higher institutions of learning.

One feature of the reorganization question is generally overlooked, viz: that the representation at the next biennial meeting will be greatly reduced by the amendments adopted at Denver, whereby federated clubs of fifteen members or less can only be represented by

the president or her appointee. By the old rule each club was entitled to one delegate besides the president. There are six hundred and thirty five clubs affiliated with the general federation, taking away the extra delegate, and if none of these clubs have over fifty members the number of delegates entitled to a seat in the biennial is reduced six hundred and thirty-five. Thus this question is solving itself without debarring any club that may wish to receive the personal benefit derived from direct affiliation with the national organization. Nebraska had ten clubs belonging to the G. F. W. C. at the time of the Denver biennial, thus entitling her to twenty-six votes, viz: twenty from the clubs, five from the state federation and one from the state chairman. At the Milwaukee biennial, according to article 1, section viii., of the amended constitution, Nebraska will still be entitled to twenty-six votes, as follows: Six from the Omaha woman's club, five from the Lincoln woman's club, eight from the smaller's clubs and seven from the state federation. The amendment further provides that each club between fifty and one hundred members is entitled to representation by the president or her appointee and one delegate and for each additional one hundred members or major fraction thereof it is entitled to one more delegate. By the same amendment there will be a slight increase in the representation from state federations. Each state federation, no matter how small, will be entitled to five delegates, one of these the president or her appointee.

Each state federation of over twenty-five clubs shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every twenty-five clubs or major fraction thereof. Thus if Nebraska has eighty federated clubs it will be entitled to seven delegates at the Milwaukee biennial as compared with five at Denver, thus making the whole difference in representation from Nebraska brought about by these amendments, one less than we had at Denver. Of course this difference is more marked in the states where a large number of clubs belong to the general federation. In Massachusetts, which has sixty six clubs belonging directly to the general federation the difference will be much larger (we cannot accurately estimate, as we have no means of knowing how many clubs that state has with a membership exceeding fifty), but in Colorado, with something over one hundred small clubs, the difference will be much larger. Thus, on the whole, the amendments to the constitution made at Denver will much decrease the number of delegates at the next biennial. This should be some consolation to those who are worried about the unwieldiness of the biennials.

Although the programs for the Milwaukee biennial will not be distributed before spring, yet enough is already known of the details to insure its success, and to promise much that is novel as well as interesting. Education, philanthropy and industrial conditions will be emphasized and are given important places on the program. The art committee has been given great prominence and will occupy one afternoon and an evening session. The local art committee is to have a loan exhibit in arts and crafts, which will be more ambitious than anything ever attempted in the west. The action of the biennial board in one direction has been awaited with a great deal of interest by the general federation. This is the management of the social side of the convention.

This has been at last arranged so that it seems the logical result of all that has gone before. There will be a sufficient number of social functions so that the non-resident members can meet one another and may meet the Milwaukee club

women. The generous hospitality of the other towns which have been convention cities to the biennial made it a difficult matter for Milwaukee to decide.

As it stands now, the social program includes a reception, to be given Tuesday afternoon from four until seven o'clock, by the Athenaeum and the woman's club, at the Athenaeum. The interest in this building, one of the first to be built and owned by the women for club purpose, will make this affair especially delightful. The great regret is that it was impossible to accept the evening reception at the Athenaeum which was offered. Wednesday afternoon from four until six o'clock the guests will be taken a drive along the lake shore to Milwaukee-Downer college. The new buildings, taken possession of last fall, will be thrown open at the invitation of the president, Miss Ellen C. Sabin, and the ladies' art and science class, the second largest club in the city, will be the hostess at a reception from four until six o'clock. The college buildings are the home of this federated club. Thursday afternoon is to be given up to state receptions, held from four until six thirty o'clock in several homes, which have been offered for the purpose. As established by precedent, the general federation declined, with thanks, an afternoon reception offered by the state federation. In a program of four days' length much must be omitted that was included in the Denver biennial.

The matter of entertainment of guests will be conducted as it has been other years. The delegates to the convention who will be entertained will be the presidents of state federations, chairmen of state correspondence and speakers. Arrangements will be made for other delegates at the hotels, and at boarding houses at special rates offered to the hostesses. The Pankington House will be headquarters of the biennial.

Milwaukee is the hostess this year, for it must not be forgotten that the invitation was extended by the citizens' business league, as the result of the efforts of the Milwaukee College Endowment association, led by its alert and far-seeing president, Mrs. Hannah R. Vedder. All the women's clubs, federated or unfederated, have thus fallen into line to aid in the great undertaking. As each committee contains two non-resident members from the state, the latter will be kept in touch with the work. That the united effort of the general federation, the state federation and the local biennial board will produce an occasion worthy of its predecessors seems self-evident. But in taking up the long intervening stretch of work it will be well to remember that the law of the individual worker applies as truly to this heroic task, and that added to the combined effort is the helpful influence of all who have confidence in the end to be achieved, faith in the ability to carry on the work wisely, and an all-round belief in the accomplishment of much good by the biennial in 1900.

Mrs. Buchwalter intends to do one thing that no chairman has ever done before in making preparations: she will write to each speaker in connection with other things in regard to the work, and ask her if she wishes entertainment. Should she not do so, she will not hand her name to the local board. Should a state president or state chairman be on the program as a speaker and wish entertainment she will inform the local board of this. This only applies to speakers. The M. L. B. will also invite all the general federation board, state presidents and state chairmen, but in the matter of speakers she will save them by this plan from writing to ladies whom she knows prefer going to a hotel.

The National Educational association appointed a committee nearly a year ago

to amend the spelling of certain words in common use. It reported to the board the following list of words: Program (programme), tho (though), altho (although), thorofare (thoroughfare), thru (through), thruout (throughout), catalog (catalogue), decalog (decalogue), prolog (prologue), demagog (demagogue).

These changes are certainly suggested by common sense; but who ever heard of common sense overcoming the power of usage where the English language is concerned? Two or three periodicals have courageously undertaken to inaugurate this reform. The Chicago university announces the adoption of this spelling of the eleven preceding words. This will give a great impetus to the reform. Superintendent E. Benjamin Andrews of the public schools of Chicago also advocated this change in spelling last fall. It will take some time to overcome the old habit, but the signs of the times indicate that the spelling reform is "on the way."

The woman's club of Portland, Oregon, invited the women's clubs of the state to meet for the purpose of forming a state federation. Delegates were present from most of the clubs in the state. The committee on constitution and by-laws reported the following, which was accepted as the platform of the new Oregon federation:

Article I. This organization shall be known as the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.

Art. II. The objects of this association shall be to organize women's clubs of the state into a body of mutual helpfulness.

Art. III. Section 1. Clubs desiring to join this federation shall make application, accompanied by constitution and by-laws, to the corresponding secretary.

Sec. 2. The constitution of clubs applying for membership shall show that no religious or political bias is required, but that their chief purpose is philanthropy, social, literary, artistic and scientific culture.

Art. IV. Section 1. The officers of this federation shall be the president, the first and second vice presidents, the recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, auditor and the trustees, the whole to form a board of directors, the chairman of the board of directors to be elected from among their own number.

Sec. 2. These officers shall be nominated by informal ballot. After the first ballot all the candidates excepting the three receiving the highest vote shall be dropped.

Sec. 3. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Art. V. Each club included in the state federation shall be represented at the regular meetings by two delegates. The delegates and board of directors shall constitute the voting body.

Art. VI. Dues shall be ten cents per capita, paid in advance to the recording secretary, November 1. Clubs refusing to pay dues within three months shall be dropped from the roll.

Art. VII. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the state federation by a two-thirds vote, notice of said amendment having been given in the call.

Among the resolutions passed by the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage association at its annual meeting the other day, was the following:

Whereas, During the past year the women of Ireland, France and Louisiana cast their votes for the first time, therefore

Resolved, That we rejoice in these signs of progress, and that we call attention to the fact that in all these cases the women voters did well. The dispatches said that in Ireland seventy-