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WOMEN ORATORS

No such oratory has been addressed to a committee of the General Assembly before his year as that provided by the women, and the statement holds good of the women speakers upon either side of the votes for women question. In directness, conciseness, eloquence and convincing quality the women produced champions who need not be ashamed to be heard on any platform against any public speakers of the male sex now widely known to the public. If the women have superiors, it is among men whose laurels have yet to be displayed.

There were men, and some who are members of the Legislature, who expressed the view that the average intelligence of the women who occupied every seat in the hall of the House on Tuesday, was at least equal to the average intelligence of the gentlemen who occupied the same seats under salary, and a few thought that the percentage in favor of the women was about as two and a half is to one.

The question under argument was not whether the women shall have a ballot, but whether the General Assembly shall submit a constitutional amendment, which, of course, could not become effective unless a majority of the males voting should so cast their ballots.

Such an amendment must be adopted by a majority of the House this year, by two-thirds of the House and of the Senate two years hence, and then by a majority of the voters.

It will be well into 1915 before the matter can be submitted, under the most favorable circumstances.

The "antis" do not want to submit it at all, which represents a slight inconsistency between their argument and their political action, for they affect to believe that the men ought to have the sole power of government as expressed by the vote, yet are unwilling to leave this particular matter of government solely with the men and their ballots.

BOND REFERENDUM

The Bridgeport delegation does well to adhere to the platform pledges of the Democratic party, which prescribe that there shall be no bond issues, nor important charter amendments, without an opportunity for the people to have a referendum upon them.

The referendum upon proposals to create debt is fair to everybody. It is fair to the citizens, whose money must pay the debt. It is fair to the public servants who recommend the project to create the debt.

In Bridgeport as many as 7,500 persons have voted upon proposed bond issues. The pretense that this great number of voters is not more representative than 24 members of the Board of Aldermen, plus 12 members of the Tax Board, is not worthy of consideration.

The opinion of almost any considerable body of unbiased voters upon such a question is likely to be more representative of public feeling in such a matter than the opinion of a few persons in office, especially if the latter have an itch to expend the money.

As a matter of fact everybody knows that the Aldermen and the Tax Board in initiating debt projects have not been representative at all, but have merely recorded the personal views of a single citizen, who holds no considerable public office whatever.

Two classes of referendum appear to have been adopted, by the delegation. The so called optional referendum is placed upon the school and street improvement bonds. This is the referendum attached to the bonds proposed by the General Assembly in 1911. It requires a petition of 15 per cent. of the voters to compel submission. The bridge, sewer and almshouse bonds are to have a blanket referendum attached, and are to be submitted in November, without petition.

The differentiation probably arises from the belief that there is a larger public demand for the school and sewer bonds, and that public dissatisfaction ought to be shown by petition as a condition of submission, while, in the case of the bridge bonds it might have been believed that the people are opposed per se and that the vote upon them is a mere formality leading to their defeat.

It is also possible that the two methods of referendum may have resulted from a compromise within the delegation, between those who desired certain bonds to issue WITHOUT a referendum, and those who believed that a referendum should be put upon ALL bonds.

END OF DOLLAR DIPLOMACY

President Wilson's announcement regarding the nation's policy toward China and the six nation loan has the true ring, and will commend itself to those in whom the principles of democratic fair play are strong. The loan in which American bankers sought to participate, under government protection, carried provisions that were practically coercive. The terms were such that this government in defense of them might easily have been plunged into a dispute at arms more costly than all the profits that all the bankers in America can take on Chinese loans during the next 200 years. If American bankers cannot use the money of the American people profitably in the development of American resources, let them by all means loan money to the Chinese, but let them do so on no other terms than a Chinese banker can loan money in the United States, that is to say, under the laws of the realm.

DIED.

CROWELL.—In Stamford, March 18. William H. Crowell, aged 37 years.
JONES.—At Pound Ridge, N. Y., March 17. William Jones, aged 82 years.
ROGERS.—In Danbury, March 18. Maryette, widow of John E. Rogers, aged 84 years.

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MILEAGE QUESTION CLOSED

The governor's veto of the Peck mileage bill has been sustained, the mileage question is closed for a long time to come. It is unfortunate that the question ever should have been raised. For some 36 years members of the General Assembly had been receiving transportation under a statute, which had received the approval of hundreds of lawyers, some of whom have since gone to the bench. The Peck bill, an endeavor to make a statute satisfying the most technical view of the constitutional question involved, was based upon the New Jersey statute, under which the duty of carry the legislature and the state officers of New Jersey is imposed upon the railroads. This statute has gone unchallenged for many years, and no first class lawyer that we know of has ever questioned its constitutionality. The effect of the veto will be unfortunate. Many men will cease to attend the sessions of the legislature. The decreased number will be the easier victims of the powerful influences that make for bad laws. It is not too much to say that the veto will cost the state millions, by reason of the laws that will be passed that ought not to be and the laws that will not be passed that ought to be.

The shrewd interests have been quick to take advantage of the governor's attitude toward the question to cripple the usefulness of the General Assembly, not for this year only, but for several years to come.

The most evil effect will be upon the Democratic side which has the poorer men, who are least able to meet the expense.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dr. Charles William Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard, commenced his eightieth year to-day. The venerable educator, globe-trotter and author of "The New Religion" is a sworn foe of woman's suffrage and socialism, but he has a grandson who is leader at Harvard in both movements.

Crittenden Marriot, writer of romantic tales of adventure, was born in Baltimore forty-six years ago to-day, and has been a naval academy student, insurance clerk, architectural draughtsman, reporter in San Francisco and New York, and a war correspondent in Cuba, the Philippines and South Africa.

Dr. David Hummel Greer, who succeeded the late Bishop Potter as head of the Anglican diocese of New York, is a native of Wheeling, W. Va., and will begin his seventieth year to-day. He entered upon his clerical career in 1866, at Clarksburg, W. Va., and was rector of churches in Covington, Ky.,

LITTLE BEAUTY CHATS

BY BLANCHE BEACON

Sun Your Crown of Glory

During the summer it is a pleasure as well as a duty to give the hair plenty of sunshine but when cold winds blow and windows rattle temptuously in their casings, it is not every woman who wishes to court the rays of sunshine that fall on ice cold panes of glass.

The winter girl must conquer her aversion to settling herself near the storm-visited window, as it is essential that the hair should receive its daily need of sunshine, if not of air. Sunshine will give new life to tresses that have been ravaged by artificial heat and heavy felt hats—the latter pressing down on the scalp and cutting off the circulation—so arrange to give your tresses a sun shower on those days when King Sol is to be seen on high.

Wait until midday before taking this novel head bath if you are the chilly diadem, as the sun is then quite free with its warming glances. Must the hair come down? Certainly, otherwise a goodly portion of your tresses would be unvisited by the rays of sunshine. Let your hair hang loose, by all means.

As you sit idly sunning yourself, it would be well to treat your hair to a vigorous brushing with a stiff-bristled brush. What do you say to this? I hope the idea pleases you, as brushing one's locks in the sun will give them a new glimmer and color. All the unnatural oils will be banished by the sunshine and brushing combined, and as a result your coiffure will be soft and fluffy.

If you will make a daily habit of this winter sun bath you will have the exquisite satisfaction of seeing the condition of your hair improve. Disdain not this aid to hair health as light and air are the only things

that the normal scalp needs to keep it on its good behavior. Think of the glorious hair of the women of early history! They never wore hats and they knew not the meaning of the word coiffure, so their hair, having plenty of sunshine and air, grew and flourished.

but the whole universe is alive. "It is obvious," he adds, "that the evolution from sacred matter to human life is possible."

"Barbarous Mexico" is one of the most intensely religious countries of the globe, and this fervor of spectacular piety will reach its utmost pitch during the three days beginning to-day. Coming on the heels of a national tragedy, and commemorating the great tragedy of Christendom, la Semana de los Muertos is not a season of unrelieved gloom. As of yore the streets of the City of Mexico will blossom forth with many booths in gay colors, where hawkers will sell clay and paper Judases, male Judases and Mrs. Judases and child Judases and animal Judases, as well as Mexican confections, popcorn, fruits and other wares. To-day's observance of Holy Thursday in Mexico is characterized by rejoicing rather than sorrow, for the day commemorates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus, on the occasion of the last supper with His disciples, and the Mexicans hold that it should be a day of thanksgiving for the great gift that the Christ made to the church.

In the cathedral at Mexico City the most elaborate religious services of the day will center. On Holy Thursday the altar holding the blessed sacrament is brilliantly decorated with flowers, and ablaze with hundreds of candles. Upon this altar are also placed statues of the patriarchs and prophets, as well as of the leading figures of the early saints. On Holy Thursday morning the blessed sacrament is carried in procession, with pomp and ceremony, to the altar.

The catch-penny figures of Judas which are sold by tens of thousands in Mexico will be the objects of pious derision to-morrow, Good Friday, called by the Mexicans el Sabado de Gloria. Judas in a hundred forms, human, animal and diabolical, will be strung up in the streets, burned in effigy and blown up by gunpowder, amid universal boisterousness.

In the early morning of Good Friday impressive and mournful services are held in the cathedrals and churches of Mexico. The altars are stripped of their ornamentation, the flowers and altars are draped in black, and all faces wear expressions of grief and sorrow. The Sena, a weird and solemn ceremonial held only in countries where the ritual of the Spanish branch of the Catholic church predominates, is enacted, and the sacred relics, including what purports to be a portion of the true cross, are exposed to view. The public ceremony of punishing Judas, the arch betrayer, takes place at 10 o'clock in the morning, the time at which Christ is believed to have ascended out of hell after ministering to the damned. At ten the church bells, muffled during the earlier hours of the day, peal out La Gloria, and this is a signal for setting fire to or exploding the effigies of Judas. The function is popular among the poor because the larger effigies contain loaves of bread, and the explosion scatters the loaves among the hungry peons below.

A riotous holiday follows during the remainder of the day and continues through Saturday and Easter. Most of the wealthy people leave the city on vacation trips, and the Mexican metropolis is turned over to the poor. All of the larger business houses of Mexico usually close their doors on Holy Thursday, to remain closed until Monday. In the cathedral on Good Friday afternoon the ceremony of washing the feet, in commemoration of the bathing of the feet of his disciples by Jesus, takes place. Twelve very poor men are selected to play the part of the disciples, and their feet are washed and afterward kissed by the dean of the canons of the cathedral.

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Helen Dewitt, 15, Has Her Allowance Raised to \$20,000 Per Annum.

New York, March 20.—On the showing of Josiah H. Dewitt that his 15-year-old niece and ward, Helen A. Dewitt, cannot get along comfortably on the \$12,000 a year which has been allowed for her expenses out of her \$50,000 income, Surrogate Fowler has increased the allowance to \$20,000 a year. Mrs. Dewitt's expenses are increasing rapidly, her guardian explained, especially her clothing. Her spring outfit this year will cost \$1,800, he declared, and as she attends a school for girls patronized by wealthy families she must have funds sufficient to keep up her social position.

WILL MEET FRIDAY

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Park Avenue Temple will be held Friday at 3 p. m., in the vestry rooms of the church.

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