

HOOD RIVER OPENS GATES TO WOMEN

State Federation of Clubs in
Session—Reception of
Welcome Held.

ANNA SHAW IS DENOUNCED

Mrs. Duniway Makes Charge of Mis-
use of Fund and Malfeasance
in Office—Late Workers for
Suffrage Cause Lauded.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Braving a heavy rain storm that has lasted the entire day, committees of the local Woman's Club, have been at the station today to welcome the 140 delegates from the state, who are here to attend the annual convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The largest number of visitors arrived tonight on special cars attached to The Dalles local over the O.-W. R. & N.

As fast as the delegates arrived they were sent in automobiles to the homes of the citizens who will entertain them during their four-day stay here. Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president of the local organization; Mrs. A. L. Page, chairman of the hospitality committee, and Mrs. H. F. Davidson, recording secretary of the State Federation, have met all newcomers today and greeted them in person. The business sessions of the convention will not begin until tomorrow.

Anna Shaw Denounced.

In her address of "Greeting and Reminiscence," Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, first honorary president of the Federation, paid a tribute to the memory of those who have aided her in the fight for equal suffrage. Then she stirred the meeting by a denunciation of Anna Shaw, who Mrs. Duniway blamed for "our defeat in 1905-6." Continuing, the speaker said it was Anna Shaw's "confiscation of our fund" and "her malfeasance in office" with the attendant disappointments that were responsible for the serious illness of Mrs. Duniway in 1912.

A public reception was tendered the visiting delegates at the rooms of the Commercial Club tonight. Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, presiding. Rev. W. B. Young, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church, pronounced the invocation and an address of welcome was delivered by Mayor E. O. Blanchard. Mrs. Castner, president of the Hood River club, extended the greetings of the local women, and a response on behalf of the Federation was made by Mrs. Viola Godfrey. The rooms of the Commercial Club were crowded and a round of applause greeted Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, suffrage leader and first honorary president of the Federation, who congratulated the Women's Clubs of the state on the progress they have made and on the work they are accomplishing.

Musical selections were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Root and Mrs. Clarence E. Coffin.

Tribute Is Paid to Dead.

Mrs. Duniway said in part:

"It is most appropriate that this meeting of our State Federation should convene in this world-renowned young city of Hood River, the home of our late beloved co-worker, Mrs. E. L. Smith. Mrs. Smith identified herself at that time with the equal suffrage movement in Olympia in 1871 as a co-worker with Mrs. Abbey H. H. Stuart and myself, beginning an intimacy that never ceased, though I, as the eldest of the trio, am today the only earthly survivor.

"Of Mrs. Stuart, mother of woman's clubs in the Pacific Northwest, whose too early decease cut short her hope of seeing the enfranchisement of women in Oregon and Washington, I am proud to say that the woman's club movement we now celebrate was her inspiration.

Early Battle Recounted.

"I met with Mrs. Stuart at the home of Mrs. Clara E. Sylvester in Olympia. Mrs. Sylvester, if I remember rightly, did not at once embrace the plan for a women's club as outlined by Mrs. Stuart.

"For prudential reasons I, as a leading suffragist, stayed away from the preliminary meeting with Mrs. Stuart, in Portland, held at the home of the late Mrs. W. W. Spalding; but I risked attending the first open meeting, at the Hotel Portland, where I had the honor to demand the permanent formation of the women's club movement on the basis originated by Mrs. Stuart, and was the first woman in Oregon to suggest the creation of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which I did at that meeting.

"After the death of Mrs. Smith the next great loss to the Women's Club movement was Mrs. Myrtle Pease Hatfield, of the Forest Grove Women's Club.

Mrs. Hatfield's Work Lauded.

"Allow me to say, in justice to our late friend, that next to the name of Abbey H. H. Stuart will stand in history the name and deeds of Myrtle Pease Hatfield, to whose quiet, tactful work among the voters throughout the state, we are more deeply indebted today for enfranchisement than to any other agency in all our ranks.

"I regret that I cannot at this moment give you the date of Mrs. W. W. Spalding's transition. The memory of Mrs. Spalding is living within the hearts of those who loved her in life, and in her passing she is not forgotten.

"The next shining light to pass from our Portland club center since the last meeting of the federation was Mrs. Julia H. Bauer, an original leader in the equal suffrage movement, a notable thinker and Shakespearean scholar.

Anna Shaw Blamed.

"It now becomes my solemn duty to record the name and eulogize the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Lord, vice-president of the State Equal Suffrage Association, a late member and leader of the Dalles Women's Club. In the arduous work for women's enfranchisement which followed the defeat into which we were thrown by the Anna Shaw regime of 1905-6, Mrs. Lord and her husband helped to finance the empty treasury of the Equal Suffrage Association and revive the sinking spirits of our discouraged co-workers. When Anna Shaw, as president of the National Women's Suffrage Association, confiscated our fund and paid it over to a little campaign committee of a local Women's Club of Portland, I lay for many months between life and death on a bed where her malfeasance in office and its attendant disappointments had thrown me. I was not physically able to make a protest at the time, neither did I dare to do it, for the November election of 1912 was pending, and I could not permit the anti-suffragists to whip us by exposing sedition in our own ranks. Then, as the time went on I saw that Peter was being robbed to pay Paul, and my health had improved a little, I appealed personally to Mrs. Lord, of The Dalles; Mrs. Hutton, of

Spokane, and Mrs. Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, for help to meet my debt due at the bank for making the campaign, each of whom sent \$100. W. M. Davis, president of the Men's Equal Suffrage League, also contributed liberally and our state membership dues paid the balance, with accruing interest.

Meanwhile, not knowing these bequests were coming, a meeting was arranged, with Dr. Viola May Coe presiding, at which a fund was raised for the same purpose by the state executive committee, which came in most appropriately as an aid in meeting other expenses of the state campaign.

"I am stating these facts in response to the personal request of Mrs. Lord, who asked it of me at our last personal interview, when I was confined to my bed, and it did not seem possible that I should survive her, though she believed her own death was imminent.

"Our next and last important and useful member of the federation to pass was Mrs. Martha A. Dalton, a charter member of the Portland Women's Club, and for seven or eight consecutive years the chairman of the federation headquarters at the annual meetings of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association. Mrs. Dalton, in collaboration with the late Mrs. M. J. Foster and myself, met at my home in Albany in 1871, and formed the nucleus of the State Equal Suffrage Association, of which Mrs. Dalton was an official member up to the time of her death.

"I do not expect or hope to be with you in the body at another annual meeting, but I intend always to meet with you in spirit and in love. Nothing gives me greater satisfaction than to announce the fact that the Women's Club movement has at last accomplished the primal object for which it was created in the Pacific Northwest by Mrs. A. H. H. Stuart, the mother of clubs."