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Drawn By M. MYER



American Civic Federation to Meet

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The 7th annual convention of the American Civic Association which will be held here on Dec. 13th, 14th and 15th, promises what is probably the most elaborate program ever arranged for such a meeting.

President Taft will attend one of the sessions at which Walter L. Fisher, secretary of the interior, will preside; Senator Smoot, of Utah; Ernest Thompson Seton, William Dudley Foulke, president of the National Municipal League; Irving K. Pond, president of the American Institute of Architects; Dr. Woods Hutchinson, and many others will attend or speak at the sessions of the convention.

"A More Beautiful America," is the slogan of the movement which the association is fostering. Questions which will be taken up at the convention range from the building of national parks to swatting the fly. City planning, from the business side as well as the esthetic viewpoint; street lighting, shade trees, the smoke problem and other phases of municipal life will be discussed by many speakers. One feature of the convention will be a review of the civic betterment which has been accomplished by organizations of women.

Discussion of state and national parks will take up much of the first day's session. Addresses will be made by J. Horace McFarland, president of the association; Enos A. Mills, of Estes Park, Colo.; Senator Smoot, of Utah, and Herbert W. Gleason, of Boston, Mass. Senator Smoot will introduce a bill in congress at the opening session to create a federal bureau of national parks. The rough draft of the bill will be presented at a conference during the first day's session.

Mrs. Philip North Moore, of St. Louis, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will speak at the first session on "What Organized Women are Doing." Ernest Thompson Seton, chief scout of the Boy Scouts of America; J. Lockie Wilson, secretary of the Ontario (Canada) Horticultural Association; Samuel S. Thorpe, of Minneapolis, president of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges are among the other speakers; Irving K. Pond will speak on "The Architect and The Community."

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On Thursday, the association will hold a business session. Richard B. Watrous, secretary, will make a report of the year's work which will be followed by election of officers and members of the executive board.

A session devoted to "The Communities We Live In," will follow at which Maj. William V. Johnston, U. S. A., corps of engineers will make an address upon "Washington, A Model City." Arnold W. Brunner, of New York, will present "The Business Side of City Planning."

At the afternoon session on Thursday there will be addresses by George Burdett Ford, of New York; Frederick C. Howe, New York; C. L. Eshelman, Cleveland, and Thomas E. Donnelly, president of the Chicago Smoke Commission.

Swatting the fly will have a prominent part in the afternoon meeting. Edward Hatch, Jr., of New York, president of the Fly-Fighting Committee, will make his report. Addresses on the housefly will be made by Dr. Woods Hutchinson, of New York; Prof. C. F. Hodge, Clark College, Worcester, Mass.; and Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology, Washington, D. C. Motion pictures of the house fly will be shown.

On Friday the last day of the convention, L. J. Boughtner, of Minneapolis, Minn., will speak on "Vacant Lot Gardens." William Solotoff, of East Orange, N. J., will speak on "Progress of Municipal Shade Tree Control" and L. L. Leonard of St. Louis, Mo., will speak on the "Billboard Nuisance."

Friday afternoon there will be an experience meeting at which Mrs. Edward W. Biddle, president of the Federation of Pennsylvania Women, will preside. Five minute reports will be made of civic activities in many cities of the United States and Canada. Mrs. John W. Kelly, of Fort Hunter, Pa., will speak on "Children's Gardens in Harrisburg."

SOUTHERN RY SCHEDULE

N. B.—The following schedule figures published only as information, and are not guaranteed:

3:20 a. m.—No. 29, daily, Birmingham special for Atlanta and Birmingham. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars, observation cars and day coaches to Birmingham. Dining car service.

3:30 a. m.—No. 8, daily, local for Danville, Richmond and all intermediate points.

5:10 a. m.—No. 31 daily, the Southern's Southeastern Limited for Columbia, Savannah, Aiken, Augusta and Jacksonville. Pullman drawing room sleeping car, for Aiken, Augusta and Jacksonville. Day coaches to Jacksonville. Dining car service.

6 a. m.—No. 44, daily, local for Washington, D. C.

6:40 a. m.—No. 25 daily, local train for Columbia and intermediate points.

7:15 a. m.—No. 39, local for Atlanta.

7:50 a. m.—No. 16, daily, except Sunday, local for Statesville and Taylorsville, connecting at Mooresville for Winston-Salem.

10:05 a. m.—No. 37, daily, New York, Atlanta and New Orleans Limited. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars and observation cars New York to New Orleans, Atlanta and Macon. Dining car service. Solid Pullman train.

10:15 a. m.—No. 36, United States fast mail, for Wilmington and points North. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars, New Orleans and Birmingham. Dining car service.

10:20 a. m.—No. 28, daily, for Winston-Salem, Roanoke and local points.

11:10 a. m.—No. 11, daily, local for Atlanta and intermediate points.

2:55 p. m.—No. 46, daily, local for Greensboro and intermediate points.

4:35 p. m.—No. 27, daily, local for Columbia and intermediate points.

4:50 p. m.—No. 41, daily, except Sunday, local for Seneca and intermediate points.

6 p. m.—No. 12, daily for Richmond and Norfolk. Handles Pullman cars, Charlotte to Richmond, Charlotte to New York and Salisbury to Norfolk.

6:30 p. m.—No. 24, daily, except Sunday, local for Mooresville, Statesville and Taylorsville.

7:30 p. m.—No. 38, daily, New York, Atlanta and New Orleans. Limited for Washington and points North. Drawing room sleeping cars, observation cars to New York. Dining car service. Solid Pullman train.

9:30 p. m.—No. 65, daily, United States fast mail, for Atlanta, Birmingham and New Orleans. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars New York to New Orleans and Birmingham. Day coaches Washington to New Orleans. Dining car service.

10:00 p. m.—No. 32, daily, the Southern Southeastern Limited, for Washington, New York and points North. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars for New York. Day coaches to Washington. Dining car service.

10:30 p. m.—No. 43, daily, for Atlanta and points South. Handles Pullman sleeping car Raleigh to Atlanta. Day coaches Washington to Atlanta.

11:20 p. m.—No. 30, daily, Birmingham Special for Washington and New York. Pullman drawing room sleeping cars, observation cars to New York. Day coaches to Washington. Dining car service.

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Sensational Curie Case In Which Scientists Figure

Paris, Dec. 7.—The action against Mme. Curie, co-discoverer of radium with her late husband and considered the foremost woman scientist in the world, and Prof. Paul Langevin, also an eminent scientist, is scheduled to be tried here tomorrow. The proceedings were instituted by the professor's wife and charge him with keeping an affinity in his conjugal domicile.

Rumors were rife around the court today that the case would be postponed and probably never come to trial because of the willingness of Prof. Langevin to make a financial settlement on his wife in order to avoid further publicity. The offense is punishable only with a small fine and Mme. Curie will not be obliged to appear in court.

The case has split French scientific circles into two warring factions, and the public and press have taken sides on the publicity given to the domestic relations of the savants by their romancing of many letters from the woman scientist to her co-worker. Several duels have been fought between the Curie sympathizers and those who decried her ethics.

Much sympathy has been expressed for Mme. Curie, and in many quarters the vindictiveness of the professor's wife in airing her family difficulties is deplored. The debate among those who hold that Mme. Langevin should have accepted her fate with stoicism and those whose ethics decried the intervention of Mme. Curie, has divided the people and press.

The Paris Midi, a pro Curie sheet, comments editorially on the matter, saying: "Two women love a man. One has the privileges and priority of marriage and four children. The other (Mme. Curie) has the prestige of genius, companionship and higher works. The man, after long hesitation between the companionship body and the companionship mind, made his choice. It was his right, the law admits, and the divorce tribunal will regulate it."

The Journal that aired the correspondence between the discoverer of radium and her professor affinity, takes another stand. "The case," it says, "is not alone between two women and a man but threatens the ramifications of society with virtual free love. It is to be deplored that two of the brightest minds in France should set so bad an example for posterity."

Still a third faction condemns the relationship not from an ethical standpoint but because of the fact that Mme. Curie is a Pole while her rival, Prof. Langevin's wife, is French.

The letters from the woman scientist show a deep and lasting devotion to her alleged affinity. They refer to past pleasures and speak hopefully of the future, when Mme. Langevin shall have been discarded via the divorce courts. Minute instructions are included relative to the professor's attitude toward his wife and children, and throughout a note of deep attachment is sounded that brooks no intervention of conventionality.

The facts cited by the petitioner show that Mme. Curie and Prof. Langevin have been close friends since July 15, 1910, when the latter rented

ARGUMENT IN NEW YORK TRANSFER CASE

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 6.—How inheritance taxes may be dodged was explained today to the supreme court of the United States. An effort was being made in oral argument to the court to uphold the constitutionality of the New York "transfer tax" enacted in 1896 to stop evasions of the inheritance tax.

Nearly every state having an inheritance law is said to be interested in the decision of the court in passing on the law. It will probably be several weeks before the decision is announced.

The "transfer tax" is imposed on the life interest retained in property transferred by a person. The very fact that a life interest in property was stialed out for taxation led to the attack on the law as being unconstitutional. It was argued that the singling out of this interest was an arbitrary and unreasonable classification of property for taxation, prohibited by the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution.

The complaint about the law came to a focus when the state comptroller sought to collect about \$2,000 as a "transfer tax" from the estate of Mrs. Susan A. Keeney, of 175 Washington Park, Brooklyn, N. Y. She died in 1907, but four before she had transferred a large amount of her property to the Fidelity Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., in trust for her three children. She provided, however, that she should retain one-fourth of the income from this property during her life. It was this life interest that the state sought to tax.

The court of appeals of New York upheld the constitutionality of the tax. In announcing the opinion of the court, Chief Justice Cullen said that it was not a wholly unnatural desire existing among owners of property to avoid the imposition of the inheritance tax upon the estate they might leave so that the estate might pass to the objects of their bounty unimpaired.

The justice said that it was a matter of common knowledge that for the purpose of avoiding the inheritance tax trusts or other conveyances were made whereby the owner recently deceased reserved to himself income arising therefrom. He added that were it not for the provision of the statute, attacked as unconstitutional, in many cases property would pass free from taxes upon the death of a person to the parties who would take it as heirs.

"It is true," said he, "that the ingenious mind may devise other means to avoid the inheritance tax, but the one commonly used is the transfer with reservation of a life estate. We think this fact justified the legislature in singling out this class of transfers as subject to a special tax."

No Chance for Cadets.

Washington, Dec. 6.—In spite of the efforts of five Southern senators, President Taft today declined to reconsider the case of five cadets recently dismissed from West Point for "drinking." The president declared he would veto any legislation aimed to put the cadets back in the military academy as he held it to be subversive of discipline.

Wigwag—"Wouldn't you hate to have death staring you in the face?" Miss Pencil—"Oh, I don't know. You men see to it that a woman get used to being stared at."

INSULTED THE GOVERNOR.

By Associated Press.

Bloom, Miss., Dec. 6.—Because he refused to shake hands with Governor Noel while the chief executive of Mississippi was on a visit to the old soldier's home at Beaufort, about ten days ago and because he gave the governor a rebuff deemed insulting by those in charge of the institution, a Confederate veteran named Lenard who had been at the home for several days, on application for entry as an inmate, was promptly dismissed from the home by Colonel Mobey, superintendent of the home.

It's a good plan not to find it necessary to square the circle of your acquaintances.

WINS FIGHT FOR LIFE

It was a long and bloody battle for life that was waged by James B. Merison, of Newark, N. J., of which he writes: "I had lost much blood from lung hemorrhages, and was very weak and rundown. For eight months I was unable to work. Death seemed close on my heels, when I began, three weeks ago, to use Dr. King's New Discovery. But it has helped me greatly. It is doing all that you claim." For weak, sore lungs, obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, hoarseness, la grippe, asthma, hay fever or any throat or lung trouble its supreme. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by W. L. Hand & Co.

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