

STATE FEDERATION NOTES

By NELL BATTLE LEWIS

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—The High Point Woman's club recently gave a progressive party to the teachers of the city schools. After a brief reception by the officers of the club and Superintendent of Schools W. M. Marr and Mrs. Marr and the principal of each school and one other representative, the company divided into groups of four and talked on the first assigned topic. After five minutes a chord was struck on the piano, and two of each group joined a different group. Some of the assigned subjects of conversation were "Social Life in High Point," "How About Disarmament?" "Christmas Gifts—To Give or Not to Give." Following the "parley" refreshments were served. Mrs. Owen-Smith was the efficient chairman of the committee that managed this entertainment.

"Halting"

Will be the sermon subject tonight at 7:45 at the

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By the pastor

Rev. Chas. F. Myers, D. D.

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other women to register and vote, and to get each of these to get five o-hers, and so on. An attendance contest is to begin with the January meeting. The club will be divided into two groups, one led by Miss Valette Jones and the other by Miss Nellie Muse. An initiation ceremony, brief but impressive, followed, when Miss Mabel Boyd, Mrs. Lester Peacock, and Mrs. F. L. Conrad were duly initiated, and each presented with a spray of narcissus as an emblem of the club's goodwill. Mrs. R. B. Parker, Mrs. C. C. Edwards and Mrs. Darrell Pitts and Mrs. Mack Hitt were also voted into membership, but were unable to be present for initiation.

Mrs. H. I. Coffield gave a brief program on the Wagnerian opera. After a special talk on the character of Wagner's work, the club members listened to a record from the Meister-singers, following which Mrs. Coffield gave a brief outline of the story of Iphigenia. The club voted \$10 towards the Sallie Southall Cotton loan fund. The meeting closed with refreshments served by Mrs. Owen-Smith and Mrs. Coffield, hostesses for the afternoon.

"What Every Woman Should Know" The speech made at the council meeting at Rocky Mount by Mrs. R. H. Cotton, of Hruce, honorary president of the State Federation, on the Australian ballot is deemed by Mrs. Sydney P. Cooper so valuable for the information of club women in North Carolina that it is included in the Federation notes. Speaking on the subject of "What Every Woman Should Know," Mrs. Cotton said: "Barrie, the great playwright, added to his fame by writing a play called 'What Every Woman Knows.' If he had thus added to his fame by demonstrating what every woman already knows, perhaps we may add to our usefulness by considering some things that every woman should know, and thereby lead her to think about some things she does not know. 'I am not going to say that every woman should know how to cook and keep her house tidy. I am sure she does the best she can along those lines. Nor will I tell her how to raise her children so as to make them a joy to the community. I grant that every woman should know how to do all things, and bear all things, and to be all things lovely under all conditions, and yet she will need other knowledge to guide her in the new pathway now opening before her. 'That wise man, Solomon, has said, 'Get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding.' Now what did he mean? What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge? Knowledge may be gained from many sources; wisdom comes from experience in applying that knowledge to life; and understanding is the knowing how to apply wisdom so as to be sure of the best results. Knowledge leads to experiments which may result in disaster, but wisdom comes from repeated effort, and to understand how to apply your wisdom will make the results sure. Solomon knew, and he warned us what to get. Today every woman is having new experiences from which much new knowledge will come. But she must get understanding of how to apply her new knowledge, so that she will not repeat the mistakes that man has made, nor make new ones.

Should Learn About Ballot. To equip her for the new duties required of her, she has been given a weapon new to her, but old to the world. That weapon is the ballot, and every woman should know how to use it for the best results. She is always desired the best results, but they are not always certain, or easy to obtain. She may be a good wife and mother, she may be a good neighbor and friend, she may be lovely in character, and yet she be not wise and get understanding of her new responsibilities, she may fall as a sinner, because the ballot is a two-edged sword, capable of good and evil. The ballot is not a divine benediction, God said, 'Thou shalt labor' but he never said, 'Thou shalt vote.' The ballot is a man-made device, designed to promote his attempts at self-government. Many of his failures are due to his careless use of this man-made tool, and now she has come to pass that woman must help him correct his mistakes. To do this, she must get understanding, and know why one method of voting is better than another, and why fraud, intimidation and disorder have beset the polls in the past. The evolution of the ballot shows man ever struggling to eliminate fraud, and trying to find a way for the honest expression of the wishes of the people governed. Always he has had to encounter possible fraud, or possible defeat. Now woman must either repeat his mistakes, or gain wisdom from man's experiments and apply her understanding in securing better conditions for the human race. Otherwise, her enfranchisement was unnecessary, and her voting would be in vain. An election is a very complicated thing. Many the varied duties are involved in which all parties are interested, and every woman should get understanding of its complex machinery. Election days have been times of fighting, drinking, and cheating, until it is no wonder men declared the polls no fit place for women. Australian Ballot. In far-away Australia the first orderly election law was passed because of the public necessity. No one claims perfection for that famous law, but it was a great advance towards an honest election, and is the best method yet devised by which a true democratic government may be realized. Australia, having been England's penal colony had a large population of criminals increased by unprincipled gold-seekers, and election days became riots to the dismay of the respectable citizens. They resolved to change their method of voting. It took seven years to do it, but finally order reigned where violence had been rampant. That law provided for a secret ballot, protected by laws for its enforcement, and penalties for the failure to enforce them. Freedom in casting the vote is the vital part of all election laws. The Australian law requires this to be done in a closed booth where no one is allowed except the person casting the vote. He passes in at one entrance, ballot in hand, marks it as he pleases, deposits it in a closed box and passes out by another way, giving place to another voter. No force, no persuasion, no intimidation in the booth, and no poll-holder inspects the vote. Every woman should know the election law under which she is entitled to vote, and should be permitted to cast her vote without fear of offense to others, and without intimidation, or undue influence from those she loves and respects. System Spreads. Being a desirable thing, the Australian ballot soon spread to other countries, but we have not time to follow its growth. In 1888 the state of Massachusetts passed the Australian ballot law, and continues to use it. Every state in the United States uses some modified form of the Australian ballot, except seven, and North Carolina is one of the few which refuses to try it. Why the men of Massachusetts after thirty years of trial continue to use it while the men of North Carolina refuse even to try it, is a

political riddle I will not attempt to solve. But every woman should know what the Australian ballot is, and why we do not use it. Our concern is not for Australia, not for Massachusetts, but for our beloved North Carolina, and every woman should know and remember the facts I am about to state. Elections in This State. The constitution of North Carolina says, in Section 10 of Article 1 that 'All elections ought to be free, not all elections shall be free,' but 'ought to be free,' thus leaving open to all political parties a possible gain for the entrance of fraud. The election law of North Carolina is not bad, it only needs a few amendments enforced to make it as good as the Australian ballot. In the sections which provides for conducting it, it says 'Certain spaces may be kept open, and may be roped off when in both places it should be 'shall be.' Also a provision is included which reads that this section shall not be construed as compulsory, which makes the entire section null and void, for a statute which is not compulsory is not a law. 'I have not time tonight to enlarge on this point, but I wish to emphasize the fact that a change in our law, if woman is to fulfill what is expected of her. The ballot has been given to her because men believed she could and would help them bring about better conditions. For this, woman should know the different methods of voting, and get understanding of what is the best method, and then never cease her efforts until she has secured the best. Every woman should know how many subtle forms intimidation can assume, and prepare herself to resist all these forms and let her vote be the expression of her own conviction. For this, a secret ballot protected by law is necessary. A secret ballot is the only free ballot. 'Making the world safe for democracy and making democracy safe for the world are phrases which mean nothing without a free ballot, legally protected and enforced. It may be hard to obtain, but it is worth the effort. The ideal is never realized without a struggle, and the eternal struggle for better things is always with us. Women do not fear it. The welfare of their children, their homes, their state, their country, all cry out to them for better conditions. They will heed the cry, and the struggle will not be in vain. 'In conclusion, I say to every woman, 'Get understanding of your public duties, and then 'first to thine own self be true, and it shall follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.'

RESURVEY CHINA COAST. Territorial Limits To Be Determined For Use During War. (Copyright, 1921, by Pictorialis Public Ledger.) Pekin, Nov. 1.—Definite plans for a resurvey of the coast of China have been formed by the hydrographic bureau, acting under instructions from the minister of the navy, which has designated the yacht Lienking and the cruiser Tungchi for the work. The Lienking will survey all territorial waters as defined by international law, and the Tungchi will do the same work on the high seas adjacent to territorial waters. The necessity of an accurate marine survey for China in time of war is that, if China be neutral, the observance of her neutrality depends partly on a definite delimitation of her territorial waters, while in time of peace it is essential for the efficient working of customs, fisheries, sanitary measures and the prevention of illicit trade. Rear Admiral W. T. Chen, trained in the British navy, has been put in as chief of the hydrographic bureau by Admiral Li Ting-Hsin, minister of the navy, who has advocated such a marine survey since assuming his portfolio.

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