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A Wisconsin school superintendent who has been studying the cigarette habit among boys in his schools finds that out of 46 boys from whom he has been able to get information, eight have never touched tobacco in any form, while the rest have used from one to two cigarettes a day since they were ten or eleven years of age, some of the boys using as high as a dozen a day.

He says: "The use seems to affect the boys differently. Two of the boys are in a nervous condition, cross about home and in school. Their standings are below par."

"The other boys are as a whole not influenced by cigarette-smoking apparently, except that the mind power is impaired, the eyes tire easily, and their standings are below the standing of girls of the same age."

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The Woman's Page

FIRST UNITED FARM WOMEN OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Unique and Progressive and Has Accomplished Much Since Its Organization.

The official organ of the United Farmers of British Columbia has this interesting story about the first organization in that province of the United Farm Women:

"About a year ago the United Farm Women, an auxiliary to the United Farmers of British Columbia, was organized at Benvenuto. It is unique in its origin, broad and progressive in its outlook, and has accomplished a great deal since its organization. The society, which has for its aim 'the betterment of social life in the community,' had its inception in the Red Cross, which called forth the talent and energy of the women and often the entire community and created a social spirit in the district that is still shown in the operations of the organization."

"The dominating force in the society is the 'community spirit,' which is evidenced in the activity of its members, consisting in hospital visiting and calling on all strangers in the community, holding fortnightly meetings for mutual improvement and building a community hall for which \$400 is already in hand."

"In this fruit-growing garden of Canada such an organization finds ample room for experimenting with new ideas in raising, gathering and canning the fruit everywhere seen in the valley from June to November. Wishing to experiment on their own behalf the United Farm Women have installed at their place of meeting a canning apparatus, and already this year have canned 1,000 tins of fruit and vegetables, contributed and canned by the ladies themselves. This stock was sold and the proceeds devoted to the building fund of their proposed 'community hall.' Members are privileged to do their household canning with the apparatus installed at the place of meeting."

"That this movement is destined to have a beneficial effect on the community life of rural districts is evidenced from the progress that has been already made by the United Farm Women of Benvenuto. At this year's Kelowna fair their booth took first prize and was a centre of attraction. The booth was artistically decorated with bunting, flowers, fruit and vegetables, and contained a splendid display of canned fruit and vegetables, an excellent variety of home cooking, fancy work and plain sewing."

UNIONISM JUSTIFIED BY ITS EFFORTS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Florence C. Mortimer, vice president of the Grade Teachers' Union, Washington, declares that if trade unionism had rendered no other service to humanity, it would have justified its existence by its efforts in behalf of women and children.

"The chief effort of the trade unions in ameliorating the hardships of women's work has been in the direction of excluding them from certain kinds of employment, in improving the sanitary conditions in which they work, and in reducing the length of their working day. Thus women are no longer employed in mines, nor are they allowed to be employed in trades which injure their health or seriously jeopardize their moral safety. The women themselves are rapidly joining unions already formed and are also organizing into separate bodies."

Our railroads seem to resemble a certain well known sex—we cannot manage them and we cannot get along without them.

PLANS FORMULATED FOR CONVENTION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Plans are being formulated now for the annual convention of the Alberta Women's Institutes, which will be held in Edmonton in March, in all probability, beginning the 18th. These conventions have been growing in numbers and importance every year, and it is expected that the one this year will progress proportionately to those of other years. While Miss MacIsaac, the provincial superintendent, was in Toronto attending the convention of the National Federation, she approached several of the prominent women attending it with a view of having them as speakers at the Alberta convention. It is hoped that Mrs. Madge Watt, the Canadian woman who introduced the Women's Institute idea in England, will be one of the speakers. This year will also mark the first annual convention of the Women's Institute Girls' Clubs of the province and it is expected that this will be an enthusiastic impetus to this important movement. The Institutes have grown almost three thousand in membership since last year and a very large attendance is expected in Edmonton in March.

FARM WOMEN DESIRE STANDARD DISH WASHER

Little Demand for Improved Household Machinery Cause of Lack of Same.

Washing dishes? washing dishes. How I hate the very words. How I long to fly and leave them. Free and happy as the birds. When I see a waiting tower On a level with my nose. Dirty, sticky, grimy, gritty. One and all my deadly foes. How I hate them! how I hate them! One and all my 'deadly' foes!

The writer is unknown, but the other day when telling a friend about the number of enquiries reaching this office regarding dish-washing machines, she recited these lines. Certainly if the number of enquiries is an index to the general dislike to washing dishes, that dislike is the most overwhelmingly awful part of housekeeping for the farm women of the West. The inquiries all came as a result of a story some time ago describing some of the dish washers on the market. Literally scores of inquiries have been received and every mail brings more.

But there is a very cheerful side to the question. Whether the machines described are all that can be desired for farm homes or not, the farm women of this country are going to insist until there is a standard dish washer manufactured that will be practicable for the purpose on the farms, and so rid themselves of much of the routine work that must now be done laboriously by hand. Women have been content to put up with what they had, and because there was little demand for improved household machinery manufacturers turned their attention to new lines of which they were sure there was a demand. Doesn't it seem absurd that for the one task of washing dishes which must be done in millions of homes three times a day, experiments are still being made to get a machine that will do the work at all? Yet that is perhaps indicative of the behind-times methods and equipment with which women have been content to work.

But these innumerable inquiries are the cheerful side of the question, for women are not always going to be satisfied with doing long and hard and irksome tasks by hand.—Grain Growers' Guide.

ENGLAND NOW HAS WOMEN MAGISTRATES

Lord Birkenhead, Lord High Chancellor, has appointed seven notable British women as magistrates under the recent act of parliament making members of their sex eligible for such an office. Mrs. Lloyd George, wife of the premier, heads the list, which includes Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the famous author, and Mrs. Sidney Webb, whose social reform work is unceasing. It is not expected that all of the original seven will devote themselves principally to magisterial duties, as their activities in other useful spheres are many and varied. One of their duties will be to act as an advisory committee to advise the lord high chancellor as to the fitness of other women for magisterial duties when vacancies occur. Lord Birkenhead himself regards women as especially qualified for work in children's courts. Anyone who is interested in the welfare of children will agree with him. Women will always be more understandingly sympathetic with wayward and neglected children than men, and that, after all, is the great need where youngsters are concerned.

Announcement of the appointments is another testimony to the way in which Britain proceeds with its measures of domestic reform amid many distracting foreign and home issues. It is also an additional acknowledgement of the fact that women have brains and ability, though some fossilized men may not believe it.—Toronto Globe.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND FREEDOM FOR WOMEN OF CANADA

Winnipeg Mayor's Action Re Women In Business Not Approved of Here.

The Western Independent, writing editorially makes the following comment on Winnipeg Mayor's action in regard to married women holding business positions:

Thousands in Winnipeg are beginning to suffer the pinch of want. We have had so many Victory Bonds that humanity has been defeated. Every loan raised the cost of living. There was no real basis for the circulation of money following the issue of the bonds. It was like the snake eating its own tail. The result is unemployment, and hunger for multitudes. Hundreds of requests for relief pour into the City Hall of Winnipeg daily, and Mayor Gray has now evolved a plan of action. He advocates that every woman who has a husband, a father, or a brother to support her should quit work, and live on her male relative and thus leave work for other people. Of all solutions to our social problems ever published this is the most stupid and insulting we have ever heard.

If the Winnipeg women who are willing and able to work are forced by Mayor Gray to quit, they must live on some one else, and that some one else must work more hours, or get higher wages as a result, thus the trouble does not end, because the problem has not been solved. But apart from this it is degrading to womanhood to compel her to live on her male relatives. The view of Mayor Gray belongs to the days of the complete enslavement of women. Today they have the same right to work as men have. If they have families they do more than their share of the work, if they have no families they should not only be allowed, but should be compelled to earn their own living.

It is to be hoped that Mayor Gray's class will never again deny the shortage of work, and blame poverty on the shiftlessness of the worker. In this proposed robbing of Mary Ann to pay Peter the fact of work shortage is admitted. We hope also that the women of Canada will protest against this proposed continuation of economic slavery, and that they will combine to strive for a system that will afford economic justice and freedom.

WOMEN WAKING TO PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZED LABOR

Are Entering Whole-Heartedly Into Whatever Their Brothers Are Attempting To Do.

Women have been known to take the place of strikers in a strike in which their husbands were among those who had gone out. In Lawrence and elsewhere such a situation had been found. Probably this strange sight has been witnessed in many cases, and would have been far more often had the work of the husbands been of a kind in which women could take the places. But in countless more instances women have been a terrible handicap in efforts made by the husband to act with his fellow workers. Fortunately this is not true to anything like the extent that it was a few years ago. Women are waking up to the principles involved in the organization of labor, and are entering heartily into whatever their brothers are attempting to do.

The education of women in the principles involved in united labor; their awakening to the great goals which may be gained by solidarity, must become even more widespread and complete than it is today. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and women are an inevitable part of that chain.

No man can afford to be indifferent to what his wife thinks regarding his union. If he takes no pains to make the principles he undertakes clear to her, he must not be surprised if, when sacrifices are required, and risks must be run, that wife becomes a stumbling block in his path. Women should feel humiliated when they are made an excuse for their husbands' faint hearts.

"When a man has a wife and children to support, he has to look out for himself. He cannot take time to go to meetings, he cannot run any risks." Have you ever heard anything of this kind? Every woman should resent such statements, and repudiate them with all their might. Whatever helps labor helps most of all, the women and children. Shall, then, the women and children be made an excuse for indifference and weakness?

When the good of the workers, and the welfare of all the people is at stake, surely women should urge on to the utmost the spirit which will stand for principle and the common welfare unflinchingly.—Mila Tupper Maynard.

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SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNIONISM HAS NO POLITICS

Workers Privileged to Join Labor Party But Trade Unions Must Remain Non-Partisan.

Trade unionism in British South Africa is free from all political parties—labor and otherwise—and this has been found to be the best policy, said A. Crawford, general secretary of the South African Industrial Federation, at the office of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Crawford represented the workers of South Africa at the international labor conference at Washington. "There is a labor party in our country," said Secretary Crawford, "and in some of our industrial centers there is a strong sentiment for it, but the industrial federation, through its economic methods, and the development of public opinion, is the workers' strongest force. We do not fight the political labor party, but we reserve the right to nominate trade union candidates in opposition to any and every political party, and we have done so even in opposition to the labor party in a few municipal elections where we were dissatisfied with certain policies of the labor party."

"For 10 years prior to the war trade unions affiliated with the political labor party. It was found, however, that this prevented workers who insisted on political independence from joining the trade unions."

"This condition was illustrated at the beginning of the late war when the British element left the gold mines to enter the war. Their places were taken by Dutch workers, largely recruited from the farms. Before the war 80 per cent of these miners were British and 20 per cent were Dutch. Before the end of the war these percentages were reversed."

"The Dutch element hold political allegiance to Dutch national parties and the remaining British miners realized that if the union continued an affiliate with the political labor party the Dutch miners would organize a dual labor

A TOAST TO WOMAN.

This beautiful toast to woman was originally given by a man who had been a hard drinker, but who had turned from the winecup and become one of the leading lights of the legal profession:

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Labor, our members contribute \$1 a year to support the South African Industrial Federation.

"To understand the size of our country take a map of the United States and draw an imaginary line from the Canadian border south through Omaha to the Gulf of Mexico. The area east of this line clear to the Atlantic ocean approximates the size of British South Africa."

