

THREE ASPIRANTS FOR PRESIDENCY

One of Them, a "Dark Horse," Promises Difficulties and Complications That Add Spice to Contest

By ANNIE WILDE.

INTEREST in the annual convention of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, and surmise as to who will be the next State president, are superseding art, symbolism and exposition luncheons in the mind of the club woman. Club atmosphere is thickening to an extent that promises spectacular club history from May 17th to 21st. The announcement that Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer had refused to accept a second term marks an episode in federation annals so unusual that adjustment to the situation has been somewhat difficult and complicated, the difficulty being the selection of a substitute, and the complication the selection of two, with the suggestion of a possible dark horse.

In the process of federation evolution the Northern district being in line for representation in the State executive at this time, looked about for the representative, but, more or less unfortunately, did not all look in the same direction. Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo and Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville are regarded with so much equality of favor that the dark horse has become imminent.

Concerning the popularity of Mrs. Hoppin, who is now the vice-president at large of the federation, she was offered the nomination for State president four years ago, but declined, and is said to have consented to accept the candidacy now, only after much persuasion on the part of her admirers and much reflection on the part of herself. Mrs. Hoppin's qualifications are said by her supporters to consist in a superior mentality, which has been recognized by every woman in the State, and an extensive knowledge of parliamentary law, which it has been observed is extremely essential on the part of the presiding officer, not only for the preservation of harmony, but for the suppression of the agitator.

The popularity of Mrs. Jones was established through her indorsement by the executive board of the Northern district at a meeting recently held in Sacramento, Mrs. Jones being the retiring president of the district. The indorsement was unanimous, save for the vote of Mrs. George McCoy, who has been supporting Mrs. Hoppin, and that of Mrs. Walton, who retired from the room just in time to leave the State in doubt as to her convictions.

The suggestion that San Francisco district would present Mrs. E. G. Denniston as a candidate for the office has been refuted by Mrs. Denniston herself, who has stated that notwithstanding what may be the prejudices of the district her own are in favor of withdrawing from the conflict. And the further suggestion that Los Angeles district might be contemplating the presentation of a candidate has been met by the district calling attention to its entirely disinterested support of the claims of the north.

And, finally, as a dark horse, the name of Mrs. A. M. Seymour of Sacramento has been suggested. An interesting circumstance connected with the suggestion is said to lay in the fact that it first came from a farmer's wife living in a remote county, who pointed out that Mrs. Seymour, aside from all her other evident qualifications, would add much to the scenic success of a State convention because of her beauty, her carriage and manner of wearing her clothes.

Mrs. Seymour, however, has explained that she cannot consider the State presidency at this time because of having two children who are still somewhat too young to be allowed to remain at home with their father while their mother is engaged in adjusting the problems of the 30,000 club women of the State. And the farmer's wife, on hearing the reason of Mrs. Seymour's refusal to permit herself to be a candidate at this time, is said to have expressed the utmost sympathy and approval, but to have entertained a hope that by the time the children are old enough to be trusted alone with their father, Mrs. Seymour may have retained not only her beauty and grace, but also her understanding of the psychology of clothes.

The situation, therefore, appears to be that the State Federation may have the choice of the brilliant mind of Mrs. Hoppin, the grace and charm of Mrs. Jones, or the beauty and clothes of Mrs. Seymour, unless, as some feel may be within the possible, San Francisco or Los Angeles have not yet indicated their real intentions.

Concerning the withdrawal of Mrs. Palmer, incumbent, from the candidacy for State president and her refusal to accept a second term, many reasons have been given and surmises have been made, but the explanation which Mrs. Palmer herself is said to give is regarded by the club women of the State as indicating a spirit of the utmost generosity and consideration. From her own experience at the biennial at Chicago, Mrs. Palmer is said to have explained she realized that a state president should have at least one year's activity as an officer to fit herself for the duties of representative at the convention of the national body. That Mrs. Palmer should sacrifice her own second term for the good of the State's future representation, has been so greatly appreciated by club women throughout California that it is said her re-election when the presidency again goes south, is assured.

A final meeting of the local board for the arrangements for the State convention has been called by Miss Jessica Lee Briggs, president, for next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at 1750 Clay street. The meeting is for chairmen of committees and club presidents, and all have been urged to attend, as final arrangements will be discussed.

MRS. HOPPIN MAY HEAD THE FEDERATION

The Yolo County Club Women Will Urge Her Fitness at the May State Convention

To have Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo elected president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs is the declared object of the clubwomen of this county, and that they may be successful will be the earnest desire of many people in this community outside as well as inside club circles. The convention of the federation will be held in San Francisco from May 17 to 22, 1915. There are several candidates for the position of president, but the women who will espouse Mrs. Hoppin's cause believe that they can present unanswerable reasons, and without antagonizing other delegates who come from districts that have favorite daughters, why Mrs. Hoppin should be accorded the honor.

The Yolo county lady has been an active member of clubs for years. Her ability and popularity have won her high positions and she is a skilled parliamentarian. She has also canvassed nearly all California in favor of or against legislation that she believed beneficial or inimical to the state.

Her breadth of mind and familiarity and unwavering interest in problems of the day will be strongly urged by the Yolo delegates to the May convention. The scope of the federation's work is changing and enlarging, and Mrs. Hoppin's friends insist that but few women are in as close touch with the spirit of the day as she is.

Woodland Democrat

Politics Continues to Northern California F GOOD FORTUNE MAY HAVE DRAWBACKS

Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland and Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville Engaged in a Lively Campaign

By ANNIE WILDE.

THE political situation in State Federation circles continues to indicate that two tickets will be interesting history at the State convention to be held in this city on May 17th to 21st. Both tickets will present candidates from the northern district, that section of the state being in line for the honor of contributing from its ranks at this time the executive officer of the federated clubs. But the northern district is more fortunate than other districts, in having two representatives of all the virtues and attributes needed for the equipment of a successful state president—though those who know, say that it is a variety of good fortune that is not infrequently attended with more or less embarrassment. However, anticipation of such embarrassment to the district and excitement in the convention has had

no influence whatever on the constituents of both candidates, and Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville and Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland continue to be "promoted," and the State convention to be anticipated with more or less apprehension accordingly.

At the executive board meeting of the Northern district of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Sacramento on April 3d, Mrs. A. F. Jones, the retiring president of the Northern district, was unanimously indorsed for the State presidency.

And the women's clubs of Yolo county are sending a circular letter throughout the State enumerating the qualifications of Mrs. Emily Hoppin for the office of State president, recounting positions she has held in the federation, and referring to the manner in which she has handled every important matter that has been presented for convention discussion.

BATTLE IN WOMEN'S CLUB

Indorsement of State President Candidate Causes Chico Upheaval.

(Special Dispatch to "The Examiner.") CHICO, April 22.—Women club members of the city are split over the indorsement of a candidate for president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The fight is on between indorsements of Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville and Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland, the two avowed candidates.

The Chico Art Club elected Mrs. Emily Eriscoe delegate to the State convention and instructed her to vote for Mrs. Jones, the delegate, however, being a Hoppin supporter. Other clubs will meet this week and make indorsements, and the fight will be carried into all the clubs.

Club Supporters of Mrs. Hoppin Active in Work

By Dorothy Willis

SUPPORTERS of Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo county, candidate for the office of state president of California Federated Clubs, are bringing an array of convincing points to the fore in their arguments in favor of their choice.

As state vice president at large for the last two years, Mrs. Hoppin has of course been closely identified with the work of the federation and is at this time essentially capable of taking on the higher office, but it is in the light of her twenty years' past experience of federation and club work that she is to be considered seriously as a candidate.

Six years Mrs. Hoppin served the northern district as its president with unqualified success, and that fact makes patent the place she holds in the estimation of the northern women.

As those who have attended recent state conventions know, she is a ready speaker, a most dignified presiding officer and a capable parliamentarian when judgment of law is necessary.

At this time she has the indorsement of all the past presidents of the northern district, as well as the indorsement of the federated clubs of Yolo county, which number six although some are not in the year book, having federated lately.

Politically Mrs. Hoppin has already shown indomitable energy in the right cause, and has invariably identified herself with all movements which have for their object the bettering of social conditions.

Writing to a friend in Los Angeles this week Mrs. Hoppin said, apropos of the proposed amendments to the state by-laws, which would eliminate all clubs and clubwomen interested in political and legislative matters: "What is our federation for? 'Pink teas'? We ought to be proud that county and state can come to the club for women to fill their offices, and yet we would bar them out from the federation! I cannot believe that the women will vote to do that."

Although the candidacy of Mrs. A. F. Jones, president of the northern district, was announced before Mrs. Hoppin's it is authentically stated by a member of the northern board that the luncheon at which indorsement was given to Mrs. Jones was a hurriedly arranged affair and not one at which the northern district was fairly represented.

The fact that Mrs. Jones and her supporters are campaigning the state for her election has aroused Mrs. Hoppin and her supporters to a determined effort to discover which woman is really favored by the northern part of the state, and it is expected by the southern women that the election will be fraught with real excitement.

The attitude of Mrs. Jones upon the proposed amendments to state by-laws was undeterminable upon the occasion of her recent visit to Los Angeles. She admitted that at that time she knew nothing of the amendments. Mrs. Hoppin, on the other hand, is obviously quite aware of their importance and quite opposed to the elimination of all potential usefulness from the federation.

The committee on the revision of the by-laws is composed of Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. W. L. Jones and Mrs. B. F. Walton of San Francisco.

CLAIM CANDIDATE'S ENDORSEMENT REGULAR

More Light Thrown on Course Taken by Women's Clubs

The endorsement of Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville by the Executive Board of the Northern District as a candidate for President of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, was made at a regular meeting of the Board, to which every member was invited, declared Mrs. A. M. Seymour, Vice President. Among those notified to attend, but who was not present was Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland, who is also a candidate for the Presidency.

Mrs. Seymour Issues Statement. Mrs. Seymour yesterday issued the following statement concerning circumstances surrounding the endorsement of Mrs. Jones:

The article in Saturday evening's issue of The Bee in reference to the action of the Executive Board of the Northern District of California Federation of Women's Clubs in endorsing Mrs. A. F. Jones for State President, does not state the facts fully, and therefore is misleading in several particulars.

It is stated therein, "At the District convention a month ago no action was taken toward endorsing a candidate." That statement is true. The reasons why such was the case, however, were not stated. Those reasons are briefly as follows:

At the last meeting of the Executive Board, held previous to the District convention, the matter of so endorsing the candidacy of Mrs. Jones was brought up. It then was stated by two of the ladies, supposed to be familiar with State Federation procedure, and then apparently very favorable toward Mrs. Jones, but who now are actively opposing her candidacy, that to so endorse Mrs. Jones would jeopardize her chances of election. Relying upon this statement the Executive Board did not at that time endorse Mrs. Jones. Had it done so, the endorsement undoubtedly would have been ratified by the District convention.

After the District Convention had adjourned it was learned that such endorsements are proper and usual. The Executive Board, therefore, at its first meeting after the adjournment of the District Convention, endorsed Mrs. Jones.

The action in endorsing Mrs. Jones was not taken at a special meeting of the Executive Board, nor was the meeting called by Mrs. Jones for that purpose.

Meeting Was Regular. Mrs. Jones, on the contrary, was endorsed at a regular meeting of the Executive Board and at a time when she happened to have been called from the room.

Mrs. Hoppin Notified. It is true that Mrs. Hoppin was not present at the meeting, but it is also true, as I am informed, that she, as well as every other member of the Executive Board, was notified of the meeting. Indeed, Mrs. Hoppin telegraphed the day before the meeting was held that she could not attend.

It is true that the endorsement was not unanimous. One member only, Mrs. McCoy, voted in the negative. Mrs. Walton retired from the meeting, and did not vote on the question.

Sixteen for Endorsement. It is true that Mrs. Kilgariff, Mrs. Longbotham and Miss Parrott voted for the endorsement.

The implication that they are the only members of the Executive Board who voted in the affirmative is not; however, the fact. Sixteen members voted in favor of the endorsement. The following are the names of those so voting, as they appear in the Directory of the Northern District:

Mrs. A. M. Seymour, Vice-President, Sacramento; Mrs. C. O. Hamilton, Recording Secretary, Oroville; Mrs. J. B. Hughes, District Chairman, Department, Art, Oroville; Miss Parrot, District Chairman, Department, Bureau of Library Information, et cetera, Sacramento; Mrs. Kluegel, District Chairman, Department, Civil Service Reform, Oroville; Mrs. C. L. Donohoe, District Chairman, Department, Conservation-Forestry, Willows; Mrs. W. M. Strief, District Chairman, Department, Health, Marysville; Mrs. C. L. Walsh, District Chairman, Department, History and Landmarks, Auburn; Mrs. R. H. Jones, District Chairman, Home Economics, Marysville; Mrs. H. J. Kilgariff, District Chairman, Department, Legislation, Sacramento; Mrs. George W. Hamilton, District Chairman, Department, Literature, Auburn; Mrs. Walter Longbotham, District Chairman, Department, Music, Sacramento; Mrs. T. B. Reardon, District Chairman, Department, Necrology, Oroville; Miss Susan T. Smith, State Chairman, Department Bureau of Library Information, et cetera, Sacramento; Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, State Chairman, Department, Club Extension, and President -Elect Northern District, Roseville; Mrs. J. T. Harbaugh, State Chairman, Department, Legislation, Sacramento.

MRS. EMILY HOPPIN, candidate to head Federated State clubs.



COMMENTS ON NEXT ELECTION OF THE FEDERATION

Clever San Francisco Writer Considers Mrs. Hoppin's Candidacy

Concerning the candidacy of Mrs.

Emily Hoppin for president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, Annie Wilde, expert club writer for the Chronicle, comments:

Discussions of symbolism, art and peace have been temporarily suspended in club circles, that the undivided attention of the club women of the entire state may be concentrated on the matter of the election of the president of the California Federation, which will take place at the convention scheduled for May 17 to 21 in San Francisco. Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, incumbent, contrary to all precedent, has indicated her disinclination to run for the second term, and it is generally admitted that the disinclination is understood, appreciated and accepted.

Those who know intimate that Mrs. Palmer's disinclination dates from the Chicago biennial, when some railway complications caused a delay in the arrival of the presidential train at Denver and occasioned great mental suffering on the part of the club women of that place because of the elaborate and unusual preparations that thereby became incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial. While the reason for the delay was not ascribed to Mrs. Palmer, there were aspersions cast upon the presidential car that Mrs. Palmer has not seen fit to overlook, and her disinclination to occupy the office of president for a second term has resulted.

By a natural process in the evolution of State Federation history, the presidency now proceeds to the Northern district, where two candidates appear to be equally eligible and popular—Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland and

Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville. Mrs. Jones is the retiring president of the Northern district and is considered by her supporters to be in direct line for the presidency of the state. Mrs. Hoppin has occupied office in the State Federation for a number of years and is at the present time vice-president at large.

Another fact that many feel peculiarly fits Mrs. Hoppin for the presidential chair is that she is considered one of the most brilliant women in the state and is said to be able not only to speak on any subject that may be presented at a state convention, but to be able to stop speaking when she has nothing further to say—and this is considered by those who know to be the rarest gift with which heaven ever endows a woman.

No other claims have come from other districts and those of the north appear to be equally well supported.

The state convention for next May therefore promises to afford delegates, visitors and the exposition year generally the excitement incident to two tickets in the field, unless one of the candidates decides to withdraw—of which there is no indication at the present time.

CLUBWOMEN OF NORTHERN ARE DIVIDED OVER STATE

BY JOSEPHINE MARTIN.

HOW unlovely lovely woman can be when she is unlovely!

Perhaps clubwomen at present absorbed in the pursuit of a new theme for club discussions might do well to make a study of club ethics. During the past week and more a great unrest has claimed the leaders in federation work—for the State election is paramount to all other subjects where executives assemble together. The club campaign is on! Announcement has been definitely made by those in authority that it is time—justifiably and opportune—

—that the office of presidency in the California Federation of Women's Clubs should revert to the northern district. Now then!

What do the estimable club women of the north do? Concentrate upon

the best possible candidate as the executive head of this great California Federation of Women's Clubs? Do they? It seems not. Instead of uniting in one wholesome, magnificent effort to show what noble women there are in the north for leadership a division of forces is noted. Two are named for the office of State president—two, officially named. That's the difficulty! It is a mess.

OUR splendid sisters from the south with their matchless political policies do not follow such methods—they know the fallacy, the utter inefficiency of such tactics. They all pull together with a long pull, and a strong pull, and they land.

There are only ten counties out of the fifty-eight south of the Tehachapi, but those ten counties are not disintegrated. True, they have a large membership enrollment—and a large representation—Los Angeles, with its 115 clubs and the southern district with fifty-seven—and when they want anything they are as one.

The northern district contains nineteen counties, with forty-four federated clubs and 4,868 members and more—for several new clubs have been added recently. The northern district county line extends from Amador to Yuba—with the most energetic clubwomen of California among them. What a power they could be if they were united!

Leaders in the club world and all clubwomen, collectively speaking, remember with pride the action on the part of Mrs. Eugene Evans Cowles during the General Federation of Women's Clubs which was held in San Francisco in the year 1912, of how she stepped aside to make room for another candidate. How proud California women are of her! She came from the south, but she belongs to all California—for hers is the type which marks the progress of clubwomen in the right direction.

Apropos of the coming annual meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which is to be held in San Francisco, May 17-21, is the rumor afloat concerning the choice of the chief executive for next year. Contrary to precedent, Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, the incumbent, has been understood to refuse to consider a second term of office.

In the proper sequence, the office will be conferred upon some member of the northern district, and if Dame Rumor has it aright, the honor is to fall to one of two prominent club women of the north, Mrs. Emily Hoppin, of Woodland, and Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville. Mrs. Hoppin is considered one of the most brilliant members of the federation, and, it has been said, is not only well able to talk on any subject which will be presented at the federation, but also to stop talking when her knowledge of a topic has been exhausted. Personally, Mrs. Hoppin is known throughout the state as being one of the most capable horticulturists.

The name of the second candidate in view harks back to one of the most amusing convention happenings two years ago, when Mrs. Jones was attending the state meeting here in Fresno. While on the platform, making an ardent plea in behalf of the Audubon Society, someone noticed a handsome Bird of Paradise on the chapeau of the speaker, and started a laugh that became general. Pleading innocence of the hat trimming, she removed it and continued her discourse. Sidelights of the convention being heralded in the state press, the incident reached Mr. Jones in Oroville, and the following day a telegram reached the president. Mrs. James Orr with the instruction to "Cage that bird in a raisin crate, and ship it back to Oroville." Mrs. Jones is the retiring president of the northern district and is considered by her supporters to be in direct line for the state office.

TUST what will happen when Greek meets Greek—in other words, when the Jones faction meets the Hoppin faction—at the state convention of the Federated California clubwomen this week, is impossible to conjecture. But it certainly promises to be the fiercest clash in the Federation's history. The hundreds supporting Mrs. A. F. Jones have no intention of yielding an inch, nor have the enthusiastic admirers of Mrs. Emily Hoppin shown any signs of eliminating themselves. As a consequence the only means of capturing the presidency is by storm. And in the storming it is predicted that friendships and feelings are to be bruised, while at the same time that general harmony aimed at as the basic idea of federation is surely going to be punctured. Calm arbitration at this late date is apparently impossible, and the atmosphere is blue with a wave of expectant irritation.

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Northern District, Roseville; Mrs. J. T. Harbaugh, state chairman, Department of Legislation, Sacramento.

For the reason that the biennial next year is to be held in New York, the presidential plum is especially attractive this election, and the various clubs are particularly anxious to appoint a representative who will be typical of the finest type of Western clubwoman. A person with poise, tact, worldly experience and distinction appears to be the prevailing conception of what is wanted in the state president.

Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, the retiring leader, would undoubtedly have been elected had she allowed her name to be brought up. But for the good of the Federation she has decided that its president should have at least one year in

office before assuming the responsibility of representing them in New York. Following the usual order of these elections, Mrs. Palmer would have served another term, retiring next year just before the assembling of the biennial. In this case a new president would have to go from California to the national convention.

The two northern candidates for the office are very different, though both exceptionally endowed women. Mrs. Jones, the executive board's candidate, is an extremely popular clubwoman who has added to a broad education extensive travel. Her natural executive gifts and personal charm are said to be most unusual, and her followers feel that her election would ensure an administration marked by tact, foresight and fair-mindedness.

She is the retiring president of the Northern District, which is, from the geographical point of view, one of the largest in the state, reaching from Siskiyou on the north down past Sacramento in the south. She has personally visited every club in that part of the state, including the most remote, and during her incumbency the district membership has increased one-third.

It was Mrs. Jones who took the initiative in the Northern District in the law regarding trees and shrubbery along the great northern highways of California, working in conjunction with the forestry chairman, Mrs. Foster Elliot. The measures which consequently passed through the state legislature attracted the attention not only of the state, but of the United States, to the effectiveness of organized clubwomen's work.

The second candidate, Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo, is a member of the Farmers' League and herself the head of a large property, which she manages. During the campaign last fall she is remembered as one of the most strenuous speakers against the proposed eight-hour measure. She is also the editor of a temperance paper, and since the agitation in the state has been much brought into prominence on account of her connection with this work. Her attitude toward the liquor question may jeopardize her chances, it has been said. Seven clubs, however, all in Yolo county, are warmly working for the election of Mrs. Hoppin, who is already vice-president at large. Four years ago she was offered the nomination, but at that time declined.

EBELL SOIREE.
When Frederic Monson, explorer and lecturer, discusses "Mexico and the Revolution" at Ebell next Tuesday evening there will be a number of municipal officials on the reception committee, together with at least one professor, a number of doctors, and various prominent society people. Monson happens to be a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. During the present revolution he was with both the Federal and rebel armies, witnessing while there with General Villa the fall of Torreón and obtaining many original and interesting pictures. These views will be shown as

stereopticon slides. After the lecture a buffet supper will be served in the banquet room. Each member is permitted three guest cards, and an exceptionally large crowd is expected at the club soiree. The receiving hostess is to be Mrs. M. A. Andersen. The husbands of many of the officers and members will serve on the reception committee, which will include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kessler, Mrs. C. H. King, Mrs. W. E. Montgomery, Mr. Aldrich and Dr. Carra Schofield Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benner, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vandergrift, Miss Emma Pfuser, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Cunningham, Captain and Mrs. M. A. Andersen, Mayor and Mrs. Frank Mott, Judge and Mrs. Everett Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Anton McMillan, Mrs. William O. Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bamford, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cockcroft, Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dukes, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Huntley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stemmmons, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bunker, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Wakefield, Mrs. E. D. Yorker, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. M. de la Hadley, Mrs. George Percy, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Hogan, Prof. and Mrs. Edward Booth.

MRS. EMILY HOPPIN IS A TALENTED AND HIGH MINDED WOMAN

Indications in Marysville and elsewhere in California point to the election of Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo County to the presidency of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Hoppin has taken an active interest in club affairs in this state for years. That she is eminently qualified to be a club leader is generally conceded.

The twenty-ninth anniversary of the Woodland Shakespeare Club will be celebrated at the beautiful countryside home of H. E. Coil, Saturday, May 8th.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the entertainment of numerous outside guests, the most no-



Mrs. Emily Hoppin, of Woodland.

table of whom are: All the past presidents of the northern district whose addresses are known: Mesdames A. F. Jones, Oroville; S. E. Peart, San Francisco; Wm. Beckman, G. W. McCoy, B. F. Walton, Sacramento; M. E. Miriam, Chico; Miss Jennie McConnell, Oak Park, and Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, incoming president, Roseville; Mrs. Walter Longbotham, state chairman of music; Mrs. A. A. Goddard, state vice-president; non-resident honorary members, Mrs. S. E. Peart, San Francisco, Dr. E. M. Yates, Santa Rosa; Mrs. B. M. Miller, New York, founder of Berkeley Casa Guidi Circle; Miss Lulu Shelton, Oakland, and Mrs. Catherine Garnett, Dixon.

A luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock. The committee has selected for a program:

"Modern Juliet," Mrs. A. F. Jones; "Modern Portia," Mrs. G. W. McCoy; "Lady Macbeth in Politics," Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge; "American Ophelia," Miss Carrie Blowers; "Cordelia as We Know Her," Mrs. F. W. Blanchard; "What Would Shakespeare Think of the Woman of Today?" Mrs. James T. Royles; solo by Mrs. Walter Longbotham; three Shakespeare ballads by Miss Dorothy Thomas; an interpretative reading by Mrs. Frank Fitz.

This is the usual custom of the Shakespeare club from date of its organization. The club was regularly organized in 1886; however the work that began this club was started by Mrs. Charles W. Thomas and three other ladies in 1885.

It is the leading club of Woodland, and is the mother superior of women's clubs in nearly every part of the Sacramento valley, and it is second oldest of women's clubs organized in California.

CLUB WOMEN IN HOT RACE FOR OFFICES

Two Candidates for Presidency Announced by Contingent From Northern Part of the State

MRS. JONES IS INDORSED

Executive Board Favors Her, but Mrs. Hoppin, Vice President at Large, Is Also in the Running

Club women of California are greatly interested in the political issues which will claim their attention at the annual convention of the California Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in San Francisco from May 17 to May 22 inclusive.

Paramount to other questions which the leaders will have to present at the conclave is: Who will be the new president of the California clubs? Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer of San Diego, the incumbent, has signified her intention of withdrawing and the club women of the north are insisting on a northern woman for the office. So strong has been the desire to have the executive leadership in the north that two candidates, both of whom are willing to run, have been announced. **TWO ARE CANDIDATES.**

Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo, who has been filling the office of vice-president at large of the State Board, and Mrs. A. F. Jones, past president of the Northern District, have both been named for the office of president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. Announcement has been made that Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville has been indorsed by the executive board of the Northern District as the candidate for the head of California clubs.

Following are the names of those who voted at a meeting of the executive board as they appear in the directory of the Northern District: Mrs. A. M. Seymour, vice-president, Sacramento; Mrs. C. O. Hamilton, recording secretary, Oroville; Mrs. J. B. Hughes, district chairman, Department of Art, Oroville; Miss Farrott, district chairman, Bureau of Library Information, Sacramento; Mrs. H. A. Kluegel, district chairman, Civil Service Reform, Oroville; Mrs. C. L. Donohoe, chairman Forestry, Willows; Mrs. W. M. Strief, Health Department, Marysville; Mrs. C. L. Walsh, History and Landmarks, Auburn; Mrs. R. H. Jones, Home Education, Marysville; Mrs. H. J. Kilgarriff, Legislation, Sacramento; Mrs. George Hamilton, Literature, Auburn; Mrs. Walter Longbotham, Music, Sacramento; Mrs. T. E. Reardon, Necrology, Oroville; Mrs. Susan T. Smith, Library Information, Sacramento;

MRS. A. F. JONES, one of the candidates for Federation presidency. Women in the northern part of the State insist the office belongs there.



Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, Club Extension and president elect of the Northern District, Roseville; Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, Legislation, Sacramento.

MRS. HOPPIN IN RACE.
The friends of Mrs. Emily Hoppin are equally zealous in their efforts to secure for her the requisite number of votes to insure her the presidency of the California Federation. Many of the leaders on club affairs have signified their intention of indorsing Mrs. Hoppin, some of whose names are included in the list given by the Jones contingency. All of the candidates have had considerable experience in club affairs.

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ONE TERM ENOUGH FOR MRS. PALMER

Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland and Mrs. A. F. Jones of Woodland to Contest for the Honors

By ANNIE WILDE.

DISCUSSIONS of symbolism, art and peace have been temporarily suspended in club circles, that the undivided attention of the club women of the entire State may be concentrated on the matter of the election of the president of the California Federation, which will take place at the convention scheduled for May 17th to 21st in this city. Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, incumbent, contrary to all precedent, has indicated her disinclination to run for the second term, and it is generally admitted that the disinclination is understood, appreciated and accepted.

Those who know intimate that Mrs. Palmer's disinclination dates from the Chicago biennial, when some railway complications caused a delay in the arrival of the presidential train in Denver and occasioned great mental suffering on the part of the club women of that place because of the elaborate and unusual preparations that thereby became incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial. While the reason for the delay was not ascribed to Mrs. Palmer, there were aspersions cast upon the presidential car that Mrs. Palmer has not seen fit to overlook, and her disinclination to occupy the office of president for a second term has resulted.

By a natural process in the evolution of State Federation history, the

presidency now proceeds to the Northern district, where two candidates appear to be equally eligible and popular—Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland and Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville. Mrs. Jones is the retiring president of the Northern district and is considered by her supporters to be in direct line for the presidency of the State. Mrs. Hoppin has occupied office in the State Federation for a number of years and is at the present time vice-president at large.

Another fact that many feel peculiarly fits Mrs. Hoppin for the presidential chair is that she is considered one of the most brilliant women in the State and is said to be able not only to speak on any subject that may be presented at a State convention, but to be able to stop speaking when she has nothing further to say—and this is considered by those who know to be the rarest gift with which heaven ever endows a woman.

No other claims have come from other districts and those of the north appear to be equally well supported. The State convention for next May therefore promises to afford delegates, visitors and the exposition year generally the excitement incident to two tickets in the field, unless one of the candidates decides to withdraw—of which there is no indication at the present time.

Yreka club women are interested in the announcement that Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Woodland is a candidate for the office of president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Hoppin served a number of years as vice-president and treasurer of the federation and is well equipped to fill the office of president—Siskiyou News.

THE CLUBS

That the newspapers of the state are evincing much interest in the political campaigns of the candidates for president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs is evinced by another article which appeared in the Sacramento Bee Monday evening. Referring to the endorsement received by Mrs. A. F. Jones of Oroville at a special Executive Board meeting of the northern clubwomen, the Bee says:

Until two weeks ago the campaign in the north had not become openly energetic. At the district convention a month ago no action was taken toward endorsing a candidate and it was not until a special meeting of the Executive Board was called by Mrs. A. F. Jones, retiring president of the district, in the closing weeks of her term, that things began to happen.

Mrs. Hoppin, a member of the Executive Board, was not present at the meeting. Mrs. Jones was endorsed.

The endorsement was not unanimous, Mrs. George McCoy and Mrs. B. F. Walton of Sacramento favoring Mrs. Hoppin, while Mrs. H. J. Kilgariff, Mrs. Walter Longbotham and Miss Rita Parrott of this city are said to have voted in favor of Mrs. Jones. But the endorsement started the fireworks.

Mrs. Jones has the backing of Butte and Yuba county women's clubs to date, and Mrs. C. L. Donahoe is one of

her strongest supporters. For Mrs. Hoppin, Mrs. George McCoy is waging an active fight. The women's clubs of Yolo county have gone on record as supporting Mrs. Hoppin and have sent out a circular letter to this effect from Woodland, signed by Mrs. James T. Royles and Mrs. Richard M. Brown.

Four past presidents of this district—Mrs. William Beckman, Miss Jennie McConnell, Mrs. B. F. Walton and Mrs. G. F. McCoy—have declared for Mrs. Hoppin and are actively in the lists in her behalf.

Campaign literature is being sent out in behalf of both aspirants to the presidency and active electioneering is in full sway. From now until convention time, campaign managers will devote themselves to lining up the delegates. Then there will be a caucus and the choice of one candidate from the district, to whom the combined strength can be thrown is predicted.

Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo, new president of California Federation of Women's Clubs. Photo by Call and Post staff photographer.



Twenty Years Ago Today--

D. Herspring left for San Francisco by team and was to continue the drive to Oregon.

Mrs. Emily Hoppin, representing Yolo county at the State Sunday School Convention in San Jose, addressed a mass meeting in the Auditorium.

Miss F. C. DeVilling, W. C. T. U. national organizer, was making an official tour of Yolo county.

C. D. Simpson purchased 30,000 sacks of wheat from Mrs. Agnes Bemmerly and sons.

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