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By HARRIET COOKINHAM

THE annual convention of the State League of Women Voters was held on April 13 and 14 in Ames, with headquarters at the Hotel Savery.

Convention delegates were inspired by the important issues of the program. Two of the outstanding issues were the necessity for continued work on the Child Labor Amendment and the instruction of women in methods of voting.

Reports of the year's work were given by various local leagues, Onica Prall reported for the Iowa State College league. The convention delegates were much interested in the advancement our local league has made since organization two years ago, in the stand we have taken on the Child Labor Amendment and in our efforts to stimulate interest in college elections.

Governor John Hammill, Albert E. Cummings, United States senator from Iowa, Dr. Shambaugh, head of the political science department at the State University of Iowa and Harriet Taylor Upham, nationally known leader, were among the prominent speakers at the meeting.

Onica Prall, president of the Iowa State College chapter for this year, Eleanor Tregoning, president elect, Garnet Tissue, first vice-president for next year and Donna Anna E. Richardson, chairman of the education committee of the league, were the delegates from Ames.

The session closed with an election of officers. Mrs. Mary G. Moore of Des Moines, who has been active in the league for several years was elected president.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ELECTION

The annual election of the League of Women Voters was held recently and those elected to office were: Eleanor Tregoning, president; Garnet Tissue, vice president; Nellie Lively, secretary; Anna E. Richardson, chairman of the education committee of the league, were the delegates from Ames.

The League of Women Voters is an organization on the campus for the promotion of good citizenship and interest in voting among the women students.

This organization has been the means of bringing many interesting lecturers to our campus, and although the organization is not very old, they have accomplished much toward interesting Iowa State College women in political questions.

FIRST WOMAN OF CONGRESS

When Jeannette Rankin gave her lecture on "New Factors in World Affairs", the students and faculty of Iowa State College and citizens of Ames had the honor of evening to the first woman member of Congress and also a nationally famous woman's suffrage and social worker.

Miss Rankin began life on a ranch near Missoula, Montana, June 11, 1880, and lived there until she was thirteen years old. Her work was done at the University of Minnesota, getting her degree of Bachelor of Science in 1902. She was a student of the School of Philosophy in New York during the years 1908 and part of 1909, spending the remainder of that year as a social worker in Seattle, Washington. The following year she took up woman suffrage work in California, then in Montana and in 1918, she led the women of Montana to a victory in franchise. She was a member of the first Congress, the first woman ever elected to the United States Congress.

Miss Rankin got the greatest problem of the day—that of maintaining peace. At the present time she says, there are more men under arms in Europe than there were in 1914, and the militaristic spirit is much worse, even in America.

Miss Rankin considers the world peace organizations, universal woman suffrage, and the right of women to secure citizenship in the establishment and maintenance of peace.

GOVERNOR FERGUSON RESTORES CITIZENSHIP TO HUSBAND

"Ma" Ferguson, Governor of Texas has just recently signed a bill passed by the Texas legislature restoring citizenship rights to her husband, former Governor of Texas who lost the right to hold office on charges made against him of misusing public funds. A recent issue of "Woman Citizen" states that this marks a milestone on the road of women's actual partnership with men. Who could have imagined only about a dozen years ago, that the first timid suffrage procession was jeered at in the streets of New York and Washington, that such a short space of time would see women voting all over the United States and in most of the civilized world; would find two women governors in the United States, four women in the British parliament, and many more in the German Reichstag, and other foreign legislative bodies?

JUDGE OF JUVENILE COURT

Kathryn Sellers, has just been re-appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Washington, D. C., after six years of service.

In 1918 she was first appointed, and on account of her very great success as a judge, she has just recently been re-appointed.

An article in the "Woman Citizen," states that a day in her court is a refreshing and stimulating experience to anyone familiar with the intricacies, the boredom, and the delays of ordinary court procedure. She hears most of the cases in a high ceilinged room at one side of the formal court room. Glad in the familiar black of official robes, she sits in a big chair at the middle of a long table.

She has made many changes to secure greater efficiency in handling cases, and finer consideration for the needs of the children who come before her.

STATE FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

The Iowa State Fair premium books for 4-H clubs are now available for every club girl. These can be obtained from the state fair secretaries office, Mr. A. R. Corey, State House, Des Moines, or from the county farm bureau office.