speeches

Mrs. Ellis Meredith spoke this afternoon on the evolution of modern government, explaining that the present day "heroes" of initiative, referendum, and recall were in force in the early Greek and Celtic governments. The first pure local law was the fish and beer law of early England, she said, and this should not be taken as a model for all modern states which have rejected the common law or where the civil law prevailed. A statute forbidding race disabilities is contrary to the custom of the realm. A statute she said which should be called to the attention of the people.

Mrs. True Ochs, wife of Boston lawyer and leader of the suffrage movement, shall be entitled to vote at the state election. Women of New York have spoken on the national citizenship work for which the League of Women Voters was formed. She said, "The problems of race, religion, and social status are协调发展. But the women who have been in the women's movement will not be satisfied until the League of Women Voters has delved the various war service departments. In the League of Women Voters, women who have been in the national service and who are already working to aid the war effort will belong to the parts of their choice and in those parts will act for the principles of better government which the League will formulate.

"The League was originated by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and is backed by the National American Women Suffrage association whose organization has proved effective in the suffrage campaign, and in war service work, and will again show its worth in citizenship activities."

Mrs. Nancy Sheehan spoke in the meeting on city government, introducing the women into the business of city management. She emphasized the importance of city charter disfranchisements and how to pick a mayor. In the afternoon she talked on the problems of state and national government.

Professor Richard Whoriskey of the state college, gave a comprehensive outline of the causes leading to the war, stressing the unsatisfactory condition of the American policy as shown in the return of the Japanese indemnity in the war of 75 years ago, the payment of Spain for the Philippines, the return of Cuba to the Cubans, and the repayment of the indemnity paid by China after the Boxer uprising.

A number of prominent women from outside the state have arrived to attend the school. Mrs. Charles Sumner Bird, first vice-president of the Massachusetts Equal Suffrage association, and Mrs. George W. Perkins motored from Boston today, and Miss Mabel Connors from Portland, Me., president of the Maine Equal Suffrage association, is in attendance.