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THE NEW YEAR.

The old year is fading fast, and the new is al-
most come. Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-two
will be a year of much importance to the women
of Oregon and the world. It is destined to record
a step forward or backward in the movement of
women for recognition as free and equal citizens
before the law. In every part of the world women
are praying and hoping that the step will be in
advance, and watching with keen interest the
history Oregon makes. We who are residents of
the favored commonwealth have every cause to
believe that the Legislature of 1882 will be com-
posed of men who will put no blot on the State's
name and fame, but will assist in gaining for Ore-
gon the crown for being the first State to do jus-
tice to women. Then let us hail with pleasure
the dawning of the New Year, and resolve to do
our best to aid in the selection of good and true
men for the Legislature.

"PROFANITY CEASED."

This is what happens when women vote in
Springfield, Mass., according to the *Republican*,
which is excellent authority:

A sudden change came over the scene as two women en-
tered. Profanity ceased, loud talk was hushed, and as the
fair voters tiptoed across the tobacco-stained floor, the
crowd about the boxes politely divided to give them room.

This little excerpt has been published in many
a journal during the past few weeks, and is an ex-
cellent confirmation of the prophecies of Woman
Suffragists. What is needed at the polls is the
continual presence of women. Then there will be
no occasion to chronicle the cessation of profan-
ity, because it will not have been commenced;
then floors will not be so stained with tobacco as
to be mentioned in the press, because promiscu-
ous and furious expectoration will not be permit-
ted. Certainly only the roughest and toughest
classes can object to the good results attendant on
the presence of women at the polls; and if they
do object, it will not be a difficult matter for the
great mass of respectable citizens to suppress them.

SHE NEEDS THE BALLOT.

Certain trades unions bar women from member-
ship, and are justly subject to the severest criti-
cism. By their selfishness and intolerance they
refuse to give women a chance to be "square,"
and force them to cut down wages, instead of
seeking their help to maintain prices. A society
of this class recently used its oppressive power
against a girl in New York. One of a number of
cigar-packers died, and his sister, to whom he had
taught the trade, stepped into his place. It was
against the rules of the union that women should
be employed, and failing to secure her dismissal,
a hundred men left the factory upon a strike. The
Chicago Times thus speaks of their action:

They fled before this woman, whom they should have
been willing to aid, and declared their intention to remain
idle for an indefinite period rather than permit this woman,
the sister of their dead comrade, to earn her bread at
working in their trade. Finding that there was so much
trouble about her employment, the woman consented to
retire. The hundred strikers had won, and she was set
adrift to pick up a living where she might.

Since the union ostracizes the girl, it must look
for her to work at reduced rates. There is no
doubt that her brother taught her, in addition to
the trade, the principles and objects of the union,
and there is no reason to believe that she would
have been otherwise than a desirable member;
but her sex, in the eyes of the cigar-packers,
makes her an inferior, and she suffers accordingly.
What she needs is equal political rights; with
them will come civil rights.

In the Guiteau trial during the past week, many
doctors in charge of lunatic asylums have been on
the witness stand as experts, and their testimony
is damaging to the assassin, whom they pro-
nounce sane. He interrupted them with his inso-
lence, until Judge Cox ordered him to be placed
in the prisoner's dock, to which he objected, fear-
ing he might be shot. However, he was placed in
the dock.

On Tuesday next, at Independence, Postal Agent
Simpson will publicly hold an official investiga-
tion of the charges preferred by the publishers of
this journal against Postmaster Hodgkin. The edi-
tors will be present, prepared to give a full report
of the proceedings.

After this week, we shall be able to give more
space to reading matter, as the rush of holiday
advertising will be past.

"THE NEW NORTHWEST."

The New Year being at hand, it may be proper
to say a few words about this journal's business at
the present and the hopes of its proprietors for
the future. The paper now enjoys a larger in-
come than at any previous time, and it is steadily
growing; but there is corresponding expense, ow-
ing to various improvements, and the net earn-
ings are but slightly in excess of former years.
We should like to send our subscribers each week
such a paper as our Christmas number, but our re-
sources will not warrant it. However, we shall en-
large it to sixteen pages as soon as fifteen hundred
new subscribers are added to our present list. The
income from this number will barely pay for the
increased composition, paper, presswork, postage
and incidental expenses, allowing nothing for
extra literary labor. But we ask no remunera-
tion. We are working to win, and desire nothing
further than a fair living for unceasing toil. We
also realize that the success of the Woman Suffrage
movement will deprive this paper of its
field. But we want to attain success, and hope
and believe that the extension of this journal's
circulation will hasten that result. Accordingly,
we ask and urge the Woman Suffragists of Oregon
and Washington to use a little effort to increase
our lists. They will be repaid, not only in the
consciousness of aiding a cause which is theirs as
well as ours, but by a commission of 25 per cent
and a double quantity of reading. If each of our
present subscribers will send a new name with the
money, or if the leading workers in the various
towns will each send three or four new subscrib-
ers, the paper will be enlarged immediately. The
amount of work necessary to reach this result will
be light individually, but large in the aggregate.
Further words on this subject will be found in our
advertising columns.

AN UNTRUTHFUL FLING.

The Independence half of the Polk county *Item-
izer* says:

The investigation of Mrs. Duniway's charges against
Postmaster Hodgkin was appointed to take place last Thurs-
day, but Mr. H. received on Wednesday a notification from
Inspector Simpson that it would be postponed till the 31 of
next month. Popular feeling is all one way here, and it is
in favor of our postmaster.

The above is another one of the many untruth-
ful flings at the senior editor of this journal, given
in the interest of Hodgkin, Poppleton, et al., by the
Independence press, for the purpose of covering
up the malicious intent of "our postmaster" to in-
jure the business of this paper. The *Itemizer*
knows that Mrs. Duniway has preferred no
charges against Hodgkin. The charges were and
are made by the publishers of the NEW NORTH-
WEST, who know what they are about and are pre-
pared to substantiate their statements. The above
attempt to forestall public opinion on the near ap-
proach of the investigation is in keeping with all
the other "ways that are dark and tricks that are
vain" of these arrant offenders that are to be
divulged before this investigation is over.

Hank Weed, a worthless loafer and contempti-
ble whelp, who abused his wife and lived off her
earnings until she could stand his meanness no
longer and applied for a divorce, has furnished a
Sunday paper a defamatory article about her,
claiming to be an injured innocent, and detailing
how he "had done forever with his late partner."
In reply, the wife publishes a card showing the
scoundrel up in his true light. He has brutally
beaten her and been fined for it; has failed to pro-
vide for his family and devoured what his wife
earned; has driven his family from their home
and disposed of all their household furniture
(which the wife had earned); and has taken the
proceeds of the cowardly sale, stolen the children,
and gone to California. To cap all this, he de-
scends to defamation of the mother of his chil-
dren. The whipping-post is needed for such a cur.

These excellent words are from the Vancouver
Register: "We question the policy of any social
organization or institution that separates men
and women. The flat long since went forth that
it is not good for man to be alone. This is vio-
lated in many of the secret organizations of men
and in the liquor saloons of the Territory. If
every husband, father or brother, when he chooses
to visit a saloon, was compelled to take his wife,
daughter or sister with him, how many would go?
All resorts for men where women cannot go
ought to be abolished. If there is anything what-
ever in the theory of progress maintained by the
world's optimists, the time will come when men
will not want to assemble in any public place or
in social resorts when it would be improper for
women to go with them. May that time speed
hither."

The Christmas number of the NEW NORTHWEST
was most cordially received by the press and the
public. The edition, which was three times
greater than the customary issue, was exhausted
within forty-eight hours. Orders were received
more rapidly than the papers could be folded,
stitched and trimmed. It became necessary to
collect copies sent to the book-stores in order to
meet the demand at the publication office, and
then numbers of callers could not be supplied.
We have every reason to be proud of the paper's
reception.

There is a report that the U. S. steamer *Alaska*
was lately fired on by Chilians and compelled to
put into Callao for repairs; but Navy Department
officials discredit the rumor.

WOMEN AND OFFICES.

PORTLAND, December 28, 1881.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST:
The *Polaris* professes to have learned that the reason of
President Arthur's determination "to appoint no more
women to post offices, pension agencies, etc.," is that "the
department has had a great deal of trouble as the result of
appointing women to office, and that such appointments
have caused a good deal of trouble to the party." To one
who has read the "high-toned" disclaimers in the *Polaris*
concerning everything unfair and tricky in the manipula-
tion of the governmental machinery that is managed by
men in their own financial interests, it looks queer to see
such a declaration as the above in its columns, printed
without comment, and evidently endorsed by the editor.
It is not charged by the paper or the President that women
are derelict in their official duties; it is only charged that
they are women—in other words, not voters—and conse-
quently of no account to "the party." Where is the *Polaris*'
"high-toned" patriotism? Why doesn't it come out
with an eloquent defense of the rights of women under a
government that thus stultifies its profession "to guarantee
to every citizen the equal protection of the laws"? Would
not a little of its professed loyalty to the principles of the
government be in place just here? EQUAL RIGHTS.

"The party" has no right to object to anybody's
position under the government on account of sex.
"The party" is not the government. It is only a
fraction of "the people." If, as the ruling power,
it finds dereliction or incompetency in any of the
departments, it is its duty to remove the offenders
at once, whether they be men or women. But in
no case can a President set up a distinction be-
tween the sexes without violating the Constitu-
tion and directly abusing the appointive power.
He is sworn, as Chief Magistrate of the nation, to
oppose class legislation of every name and order.
If his reason for the discrimination complained of
by our correspondent be correct, it proves him a
vulgar, shallow politician, who would better be
employed as a ward wire-puller among "party"
thugs than as the Executive of a mighty nation.

But perhaps our correspondent is too fast. Per-
haps the President is a statesman. Perhaps he
has noted the impudent opposition of many office-
holding women to the enfranchisement of other
women, who hold no offices, but are wish enough
and patriotic enough to value the priceless boon
of liberty as implied in the idea of a government
of and by the people. Let us wait a little and see
how his decision will work. Meanwhile we'd
like to see him give "the party" machine another
twist. We'd like to see every office-holding
woman who is opposed to Woman Suffrage ousted
at once by Executive mandate. The President
could bring them to their senses by this act most
effectually, and thus make Woman Suffragists of
them all.

Queen Victoria is immensely rich and im-
mensely pious. Her annuities amount to \$2,000,-
000, while she has a vast income from other
sources. And yet, with all her good qualities,
she is parsimonious even to stinginess. Any
rich woman reared under proper influences would
be ashamed to make an appeal to a people in-
finitely poorer than herself to pay the debts of her
son, the royal heir to her immense estate and
regal crown.

We are in receipt of the initial number of the
Corry Enterprise, a breezy, spicy journal pub-
lished in Corry, Pa., by Misses Kern & Yost. It
is a general news and excellent local paper, and
advocates Woman Suffrage with ability and vim.
We wish the new venture success.

KIND WORDS.

[From the Evening Telegram.]
The Duniway Publishing Company have given
the public the handsomest specimen of a news-
paper ever issued in this city as their Christmas
number of the NEW NORTHWEST. * * They
produce a choice paper of sixteen pages such as is
rarely seen. Mrs. Duniway's eight-column article
on "The Pacific Northwest" is one of special in-
terest and value.

[From the Journal of Commerce.]
The Christmas number of the NEW NORTHWEST
is before us. Typographically and in general make-
up it is superior to any paper published in Port-
land. It contains sixteen pages, twelve or thir-
teen of which are devoted to solid and interesting
reading matter, including an excellent descriptive
article from the gifted pen of Mrs. A. S. Duniway.

[From the Daily Oregonian.]
The Christmas number of the NEW NORTHWEST
is a beautiful specimen of the typographic art, and
is the handsomest paper ever issued in Portland.
Its sixteen bright pages are filled with well-written
or selected matter as pleasant to the mental taste
as its clean exterior is to the eye.

[From the Sunday Welcome.]
The Christmas number of the NEW NORTHWEST,
issued on Thursday, was decidedly a splendid one,
typographically and editorially. This paper is by
far the handsomest publication in Oregon.

[From the Sunday Mercury.]
The Christmas number of the NEW NORTHWEST
is a fine double sheet issue, and is pronounced the
finest piece of work mechanically ever turned out
on a newspaper in Portland.

[From the Rural Spirit.]
The NEW NORTHWEST has issued a sixteen-page
paper for its Christmas number. It is by far the
most successful effort of the season. * *

[From the East Portland Vindicator.]
The NEW NORTHWEST is the finest holiday
paper yet published.

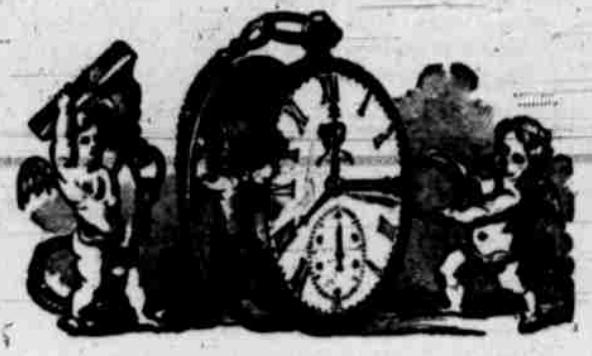
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