

SUFFRAGE DEFEAT DUE TO PROHIBITION

Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway Tells Why The Efforts of Women to Vote Were Nullified—Agitators Fight in the Interest of Their Salaries.

(From the Oregonian.)

PORTLAND, Or., June 3.—To the Editor: As many thousands of disfranchised women who depend upon the Oregonian for news concerning the low estimation in which the majority of men yet hold their wives, mothers and daughters, as is shown by the unscrupulous use they have made of the ballot, which in their hands has again been used as a bludgeon to strike women down...

When we look back at our first equal suffrage campaign in 1854, and recall the awful criticisms heaped upon us by the rabble horde of self-horned sons of serg-born mothers, and look over the situation today, and note that only one woman, calling herself "The association opposed to the further extension of the rights of suffrage to women," has sunk herself low enough in the estimation of honorable mothers of honorable men to be used as a stepchild by the whisky league and its allied interests, and only two preachers, each of whom at that time, have tried to hurl the Bible as a stumbling block in the path of human progress by opposing equal rights for the mothers of better and wiser men (whose affirmative votes were lost in the intoxicating clamor of whisky on the one hand and anti-saloon agitators on the other), we know that thousands of votes against us have been thrown, with characteristic unanimity, on the side of tyranny, drunkenness and all unrighteousness on the one hand, and in direct violation of our flag of truce, invited to their shame by it spoken by the aforesaid two preachers on the other. The Oregonian saw, five years ago, with wonderfully foresight, that the present trickery, but no longer deceiving local option law, would enable frenzied agitators to keep up an endless eruption of conflicting interests until the people should grow sober and sane enough to repeal it, and return to the law we had on the statute books before the present so-called "local option" law was made; a law which only lacked the right of women to petition and remonstrate to make it effective and fair, and allay the frenzy that now upsets the state and invites untold deception and villainy everywhere.

I see little prospect of the enfranchisement of women until the present liquor craze has run its course. But already, notwithstanding the hoof-bound tread of prohibition has again trampled the rights of women under foot, there are signs of the beginning of a return to truth and soberness. "Country districts," say some of the dispatches, have voted to return—previously previously "dry"—to the old sum of the "wets." The present craze will, in time, expend itself. The agitators of both sexes who live by inciting hate, duplicity, revenge, over-indulgence in intoxication and every other evil that grows out of attempts to make people good by legislation, will find their occupation gone soon after women are allowed to vote. Knowing this, said agitators fight equal rights for women in the interest of their salaries, and for the same identical reason, the whisky league is fighting us. But they'll fight each other to a finish by and by. Then they'll be able, let us hope, to cease trailing hares behind whisky hares in the interest of sex or gender suffrage, of which every enlightened and honorable man is already ashamed. So I say to the women readers of the Oregonian, be patient. While a majority of the sons of women are not yet brave enough to open the locked doors of liberty and invite their mothers to enter and be free, the cause is

marching on. The love and confidence of which I have been assured at every turn within the past three days inspire me to return to the conflict in the splendid company of patriotic men and liberty-loving women, who will never give up the ship.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Ella Gounyaw, stenography and typewriting, Room 4, Palm block. Mrs. J. D. Fairchild of Yreka has been visiting in Ashland, the guest of her brother, County Surveyor Grisez, and his family. Celestin Mineral Springs Hotel opens June 15 under new management. Mrs. J. D. Stone, lessee. Dr. F. C. Page is offering all his business property in Medford for sale. Harry Culbertson, general contractor and builder, cement work a specialty, Medford, Or. Henry Payne, former sheriff of Montrose county, Colorado, is in the valley and may locate. He is a friend of Jeff Heard and E. P. Sawyer. William McCrede, the well known horticulturalist, who is establishing a new home and orchard west of Central Point, was among his Medford friends Thursday. He says that the fruit growing along the foothills nearly all escaped this season's frost. I. W. Berry of Jacksonville and his family spent a few hours in Medford Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. A. Schmitt of Jacksonville visited with W. H. Simmons and his wife Thursday. Dr. J. F. Reddy, Edgar Hafer and Wes Green accompanied Twoby Bros. into the Butte creek timber belt Friday. William Martin and Raimey Bros. of Antioch precinct did business in Medford a few days since. Robert Leonard of Ashland, the well known politician, was among his Medford friends Wednesday. W. D. Carey, who sold his farm located near Jacksonville a few months ago, and went to the state of Washington, is in this valley again. G. W. Thrasher, the expert miner, who operates in the Siskiyou mountains, is in Medford paying relatives and friends a visit. E. H. Hopkins and Jacob Stone of Central Point were Medford visitors Thursday afternoon. County Treasurer Cronmiller was in Medford Thursday afternoon. He thinks the people treated him very nicely on June 1. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hawk of Big Butte precinct spent a few days in Medford this week. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Erickson have started for their old home in Minnesota on a visit. Miss Mae Huffer of Jacksonville, the trained nurse, has been making Medford a professional visit. J. M. McWhipple and B. A. Lowell of Woodville were in Medford the fore part of the week. Mrs. E. N. Warner and Mrs. W. H. McGovern have gone to Portland to attend the annual meeting of the grand chapter of the O. E. S. as representatives from Reames chapter. H. P. Flury of Talent precinct has been in Medford several times lately. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Estes of Central Point traded with our merchants Thursday afternoon. Mrs. C. Cary of Stringtown tarried several hours in Medford one day this week. S. P. Hunter, who sold his place located between Medford and Phoenix last summer and went to Creswell, and his family have returned to Rogue River valley. He has sold his land in Lane county and expects to relocate here. David King of Ashland, the well known horse trader, was among the many in Medford this week. The Crowe-Graham Auto company has sold to Dr. J. A. Reuter a 30-horse power air-cooled Knox. It was in this car that Dr. Reuter made a phenomenal run

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