

## WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.

A number of public spirited Portland ladies met in the Taylor street church parlors on Saturday afternoon to consider plans for effecting the thorough organization of a woman's exchange. Mrs. A. S. Duniway was elected temporary chairman, and Mrs. R. R. Hogue was chosen secretary pro tem. Mrs. Duniway, on taking the chair, briefly and clearly stated the objects of the meeting, and called upon other ladies for diversities of opinion.

Well timed suggestions were made by Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Burrell, Mrs. Hogue, Mrs. Delashmutt, Miss Brain and Mrs. Walker.

On motion of Mrs. Burrell, a committee of five was appointed by the chair to draft constitution and by-laws, to be submitted for consideration at a called meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

A much larger attendance was noted at the second meeting, and much readiness of thought and expression characterized the deliberations. Mrs. Burrell was chosen chairman, and presided with admirable tact and grace.

Among the ladies present, who took part in the discussion pending the adoption of the constitution and by-laws submitted by the committee of five, were Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Eggert, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Baylor, Mrs. Hogue, Mrs. Delashmutt, Mrs. Wright, Miss Brain and Mrs. Duniway.

It being impossible to conclude the business of making a constitution within the limits of the time chosen for the meeting, it was voted to adjourn till two o'clock P. M., Saturday, when the Taylor street church parlors will again be at the disposal of the ladies for the further consideration of their important work.

As the ladies desire to avoid coming in conflict with any other of the many organized philanthropies of the city, it was difficult to decide upon the best time for holding the annual and monthly meetings of the proposed corporation. But it was finally agreed to fix the date for the annual meeting on the second Monday in May, and the regular meetings of directors on the second Monday in each month.

Nearly one-half of the original capital stock, of 200 shares of \$5.00 each, is already taken, and the exchange will be ready to file articles of incorporation at an early day. The well known character and standing of the ladies who are interested is a sure guaranty of the success of the woman's exchange.

## THE CŒUR D'ALENE RESERVATION.

A Washington dispatch says that Secretary Noble has sent a telegram to Representative Wilson, of the state of Washington, stating that upon due consideration it is his judgment that the Cœur d'Alene Indian reservation in Idaho, as described in the Indian appropriation act, approved March, 3, 1891, was opened by force of statute, and needs no proclamation or further action to accomplish the end. This opinion, however, the secretary says, is given without any argument made to the department, and it is to be received as an expression of views that may be changed if there is any dispute arising concerning its validity in a contest case. The northern section of this reservation, which is open to settlement, contains about 300,000 acres, and may be entered under the homestead act upon payment of \$1.50 per acre, half of which is to be paid within two years.

The portion of Kootenai county known as the Spokane prairie is rapidly becoming a good farming district. Although it is not very large, what there is proves to be quite valuable for most farming purposes. The prairie is about ten miles long (in Idaho) by six miles wide, and it is but a few years since there were hardly any locations on the whole prairie; now there is hardly a foot of vacant land left. The soil is a gravelly loam and has a very peculiar feature about it. In the dry weather, when everything seems to be dried up, and when the ground in the evening is dry to a depth of an inch, in the morning there will be moisture on the surface, especially where the gravel is coarsest. For fruit culture this country is particularly adapted, as the trees thrive better than in most any other kind of soil. The great drawback is that there is no water, but good cisterns will supply that want as the rainfall is sufficient, or a system of water works would entirely obviate this want and secure for the investor a good interest on his money. This prairie has great resources, and if water could be secured the land would bring at least \$30 per acre. For the capitalist no better field could be found.—*Kootenai Courier*.

The secretary of war has designated Major Thomas H. Handbury, Captain Thomas W. Symons and Lieutenant Edward Burr a board of

engineers to formulate a project for the improvement of the mouth of Siuslaw river on the coast of Oregon. Congress appropriated \$50,000 to be used in improving the navigability of that water, and this sum will be expended this year in commencing the work determined on by the board.

A new town called Metamont has been laid out on a portion of the Cœur d'Alene reservation in Idaho open to settlement. It is on the Cœur d'Alene branch of the Union Pacific. A mining district has been established there. The surrounding country is good producing land. The town at present contains a restaurant, a saloon, a boarding house and a general store.

The work of driving piles for the new jetty at the mouth of Coos bay has fairly begun. The piles are driven by a hydraulic apparatus. The pile is placed in position on the sand, and a pipe is run down beside it, through which the water is pumped with such force as to dislodge the sand under the pipe, and it really settles down into position.

A bank has been established in Cœur d'Alene City, in northern Idaho.

## POETS OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Under this heading are published as many as possible of the poems entered for the monthly poetical contest. See announcement in advertising columns for particulars.

No. 39.

FOUND.

I watch the tender leaves this April day unfolding,  
And look upon the shadows flitting o'er the lawn,  
And I see children's faces bright and winning,  
The faces of my darlings long, long gone.  
The first I see is baby in his dimpled sweetness,  
Blue eyes, white face, and little rings of curling hair,  
I hold my hands out to embrace him fondly,  
Alas! they only meet the empty air.  
Again I feel a chubby hand mine tightly holding,  
And guide two wee feet trying hard to cross the floor,  
To see good, faithful Carlo soundly sleeping  
In the warm sunshine just outside the door.  
In sailor suit, with many happy children,  
I see my school boy coming down the village street,  
His hair wind tossed, his glowing cheeks like roses;  
Again my school boy I shall never meet.  
Away, away with all my sweetly tender dreaming,  
I hear a bounding step upon the caken stair,  
I look into the blue eyes bending o'er me,  
My baby, toddler, school boy, all are there.

San Francisco.

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No. 40.

FROM THE GRAVE OF THE PAST.

O, soul, arise there from the charnel house,  
Strewn with dead hopes that can ne'er live again,  
Sweet slumbering shapes, once breathing forms,  
That long in silence dread have pulseless lain;  
O, soul, come forth, thy flowers have ceased to bloom,  
Their fragrance long has fled;  
Why linger with the dead?  
Haste from the musty gloom!  
Come forth and bar the door,  
And leave them evermore,  
Abandoned to the tomb!  
O, soul, come forth! Lift up thy sad, young eyes—  
Young, yet old with bitterness and pain!  
Come out into God's sunshine, sweet and pure!  
Life holdeth still for thee much gain,  
Forget the hidden grave, forget the past!  
O, soul, lift up thine eyes  
To Him who never dies!  
On Him thy burdens cast!  
Raise, raise thine eyes above;  
Behold His infinite love:  
And peace be there at last!

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