

FREE LECTURES.

The editor of this paper will give free lectures at the Court House in Portland on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week.

MRS. MILLER'S LECTURE.

We had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Miller's effort upon "Man" the other evening, and take pride in pronouncing it good.

Mrs. Miller cannot forget that to Woman Suffrage she owes the possibility for a deserted wife to rise from degradation and poverty and shine forth in the queenly dignity of her own intellect.

RETRIBUTION HATH OVERTAKEN HIM.

The puny creature who for several seasons has presided as an irascible imbecile of the first magnitude over the columns of the Oregon Statesman has succumbed to the law of retribution.

We have received a remarkably rare and well written letter for publication, addressed to this column by W. H. Chaney, which we should gladly give our readers were the subject yet alive.

THE "WOMAN MOVEMENT" IN MASSACHUSETTS.

A dispatch to the Oregonian, dated Boston, March 16th, says: A majority of the Massachusetts Legislative Committee have reported a resolution annulling the constitutional law so as to allow women to vote and hold office.

How long will our Oregon Legislative Committee content against the inevitable? Are the Oregonians willing to skulk along in the beaten path of old-time darkness, and at the last, when all the other and older States have won the race in human progression, will they consent to be whipped into the paths of justice, still squealing forth their puny protests?

BABY-ROCKING ON THE BRAIN.

Brown of the Democrat is so envious of a gentleman who has been so fortunate as to be the proud possessor of half a dozen fine, athletic, sprightly and sensible children, that he makes it a point to twit him from week to week about rocking the baby!

WE'RE VANQUISHED.

Sam Clarke virtuously declines to believe that the woman movement is growing intensely popular because Mrs. Duniway draws crowded houses.

THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

The great event of the last week was the assembling of the Republican State Convention. Early in the week delegates from various parts of the State began to arrive, and button-holing, wire-pulling, etc., commenced immediately.

The Committee on Resolutions evidently had a hard time finding out where the principles of the Republican party. No wonder. It lost its principles long ago.

As something was needed to fire the Republican heart, pending the report of the Committee on Resolutions, whose members wrangled all the afternoon, various speakers were called out and introduced to the Convention.

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ADMINISTERED TO THE WRONG PATIENT.

By mistake our types gave the catnip tea and paregoric which we had prescribed for the Journal to his middle-aged neighbor of the Guard.

Our paper of four weeks ago—which it rejoices to know is read and studied with much interest by our irascible colleague—in noticing the fact that the Statesman's pet, J. B. Frost, had been turned upon by that far-seeing lunatic and styled a "bilk" and "cheat."

AMENDE HONORABLE.

Mrs. Duniway lectured at the Court House last evening. The attendance was anything but large, and the lecture far from interesting.

During our absence yesterday, a paragraph found its way into the local columns which did Mrs. Duniway great injustice. Instead of her lecture having been uninteresting, it was one of the ablest and most interesting ever delivered in this city.

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ARE THE WOMEN OF AMERICA SLAVES?

The Oregonian copies a composition on this subject from the pen of Mrs. Dahlgren, which we think deserves more than a passing notice.

Where our laws act at all in domestic feuds, the woman is protected rather than the man, and it is wise and well that this more redress should be at hand, on account of the physical weakness of women.

Wonder if she meant Mrs. Surratt or Mrs. Fair?

Are women such slaves, under the action of these laws as to need enfranchisement? Alas! our slavery and degradation will truly continue when guided by the illusive name of freedom.

So this man's rights champion is only "fooling," after all. She doesn't believe in equal rights; she claims more than this. Oppressed, down-trodden men of America, how do you like the picture?

Are the women of America slaves socially? We commence with what is called fashionable society, or bid their subjects to do so for them.

Clearly, Mrs. Dahlgren, from her standpoint of fashionable butterfly existence, scented the battle afar off. She fears that noble, self-sacrificing men who never cease to labor, that their women may indulge in pleasure to satiety.

Ah, Mrs. D., the noble, self-sacrificing women of the land, who are not dolls and butterflies, who are not fashionable "queens of society," but honest, able, conscientious help-meets to large-brained, noble-hearted men, these are the women who demand and will speedily possess the ballot.

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Now for a little sense and seriousness. Any woman who mounts the public rostrum to proclaim the dogma of man's supremacy is a bilk and a cheat unto herself.

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SALEM.

About noon on the day of the 13th, we employed a bill poster and circulated an appointment for the Opera House in the evening. We did not expect much of an audience.

Called at the close for replies and criticisms. Judge Thornton was disappointed. He was a Woman Suffragist, and had come there hoping to hear a Bible argument on Woman Suffrage.

Prof. Chaney was ready to prove by the Sanscrit that woman did not sin in the garden of Eden; it was the man that sinned; and the Sanscrit was the original Bible language and had been mutilated by Moses.

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BUENA VISTA.

Leaving Corvallis, with its cheerful inhabitants, beautiful scenery, genial associations and happy homes, we took the steamer for Buena Vista, where we were advertised to speak on the evening of the 8th.

For four consecutive evenings the good inhabitants flocked out to hear us, filling the school house with men and women and children and babies, and we had a glorious revival.

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THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM AS A WOMAN SEES IT.

We to-day publish the resolutions adopted by the Republican State Convention, to which we invite careful, candid and conscientious investigation.

Under his management the "Statesman" will certainly take a new position among the journals of the State. He has ability to make it a useful and influential paper, and we trust that the efforts he may put forth will be appreciated and rewarded.

CAPT. CRANDALL.

This well known journalist has purchased the Oregon Statesman and will hereafter control its columns. We congratulate the citizens of Salem upon the change.

In parting with one who has been our constant associate in daily editorial labor for more than six years, we cannot withhold a tribute to his merits as a journalist and his qualities as a friend.

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JOURNALISTIC DIGNITY.

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OUR PROPHECY FULFILLED.

Jo. Wilson is nominated. Wonder if the people won't think we are something of a prophet? For three months we have been telling everywhere that man-made politics were all manufacturing in private caucuses by political wire-pullers.

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LECTURE ON POLITICS.

Our meeting in the Court House on Tuesday evening was very largely attended. When we consider the shortness of the notice and the fact that but one daily paper in the city dared to announce it, and that many of the posters were torn down as fast as they could be put up, it was both gratifying and surprising to us to meet such a large, orderly and intelligent crowd.

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TOO BAD.

Mr. Holladay's man "Friday," the obsequious servant of the railroad interests, has made up his mind to ignore us. Our punishment is greater than we can bear.

ALBANY CORRESPONDENCE.

On Monday evening of this week our citizens were highly delighted with an exceedingly interesting musical and oratorical entertainment at the M. E. church, given under the auspices and by the leading members of the Sabbath School connected with that church.

We to get the law? That is a very important question that I think she overlooked, at least failed to make plain. Can we get this law so much needed without according to woman the right of suffrage, the right to protect herself, her children and her property by her vote and by her voice in forming those laws? I fear not.

Yours, etc., SHERA. ALBANY, March 14, 1872.

The Oregon Republican Platform.

The Union Republican party of Oregon, in Convention, makes this declaration of its principles and policies:

1. To the Constitution of the United States and all its Amendments we pledge our unflinching allegiance; to its authority a willing obedience; to its full and legal construction and enforcement our constant support.

2. That the success of the present National Administration in reducing the public debt, diminishing and equalizing taxation, administering every branch of public affairs with economy and efficiency, in forming and improving the civil service, enforcing the laws without fear or favor, protecting the nation's credit, with paternal care against the cruel avarice of speculation and fraud, and maintaining friendly relations with Foreign Powers, has been such as to command the approbation of the great American people, and justify our confidence in the wisdom and commendation of every true Republican.

3. We regard the payment of our national debt, in full compliance with all legal obligations to our creditors everywhere, and in accordance with the true letter and spirit of its contracting, as a question no longer in issue; but that we may be clearly understood, we denounce all forms and degrees of repudiation of the debt, as affirmed by the Democratic party and its sympathizers, as not only national calamities, but positive crimes, and we will never consent to a suspension of honor or justice in its complete satisfaction.

4. That while we are in favor of the revenue for the support of the General Government, by duties upon imports, sound policy requires such adjustment of those duties upon imports as to encourage the construction of a work which interests of the whole country; and we recommend that policy of national exchange which secures to the working men liberal wages; to agriculture remunerative prices, to mechanics and manufacturers an adequate reward for their skill, labor and enterprise, and to the Nation commercial prosperity and independence.

5. We believe that popular education is the basis and hope of a free government, and shall ever oppose any diversion of, or interference with the common school funds or lands in this State, for any other than their legitimate purposes, and we condemn the act of favoritism by the last Legislature whereby two hundred thousand dollars, taken from the school fund, were granted to a corporation consisting mainly of Democratic leaders, and party favorites, for the construction of a work which another corporation, entirely sound and responsible, offered to construct for seventy-five thousand dollars less; and that we are in favor of the passage by the Legislature of a law which shall secure to all citizens of our State a good common school education.

6. We find no terms sufficiently strong to express our disapproval of those acts of the Legislature whereby the swamp lands belonging to this State have been taken from the needy settlers, and given without limit or proper competition in price to the land grabber and speculator, whereby the emolument and salary of the State clerk have been unconstitutionally increased, and the taxes increased thousands of dollars by the creation of new and unnecessary offices and salaries, for the purpose of providing for party favorites, and we condemn the citizens of our metropolis have been deprived of and denied the right of controlling their police authority. And we equally condemn the administration of our State officers and laws, who extravagant, reckless, illegal and destructive, and we rightly charge all these results as the acts of the Democratic party.

7. We are in favor of the United States going to Europe to purchase a large quantity of arms and munitions, and we support a warrant for a homestead of 160 acres of the public lands.

8. That we demand the repeal of the so-called litigant act, which was devised to support pauper Democratic newspapers at the public expense.

9. That the Republican party of this State are in favor of the General Government extending aid toward building a railroad from Portland, Oregon, to Salt Lake City, and from Jackson county to Humboldt, and we hereby pledge our party representatives to the support of the same.

10. That the indiscriminate licensing of persons to sell spirituous liquors without being placed under proper responsibilities for the abuse thereof, having been found by experience to promote the growth of crime and pauperism, and thereby seriously increase the rate of taxation, the Republican party recognizes the right and duty of the law-making power to prevent and limit the sale of such liquors, so far as concerns the public good, and is consistent with individual liberty, by refusing to license other than law-abiding and responsible persons, who can furnish sufficient sureties to cover the same.

11. That the Republican party of Oregon is in favor of obtaining assistance from the General Government for the construction of a wagon road from the city of Portland to the Dalles, recognizing this as a most important and necessary improvement for the State.

12. We affirm that the continuance in power of the Republican party is the only way to preserve national peace and prosperity, and for reasons therefore we point to its brilliant record in the late civil war; to a complete national unity; to a united sisterhood of thirty-seven States; to our Territories rapidly winning into State life; to a nation freed from the taint of human slavery; to an elevated and enlarged citizenship; to our national standing at home and abroad; to the work of vigorous reform in all departments of authority; to a successful and solid financial system, and to the unparalleled peace and prosperity everywhere in our broad domain, and these are our pledges for the future.

Owing to an unusual press of matter, a few advertisements have been omitted from this issue.