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LETTER FROM HON. T. W. DAVENPORT.

EDITOR NEW NORTHWEST:

Our great want in Oregon has been a free and independent, liberal journal—one of high moral convictions and firm purpose, and with a toleration that can patiently bear contradiction and give a fair presentation to all sides of a disputed question.

Such persons cannot bear any difference or opposition, inasmuch as it would be against God's will and have a tendency to thwart his plan of salvation. You will not deny that preachers are called by God to preach—I have heard them say so—and it is just as reasonable that God calls editors also.

The Lord undoubtedly called Gamaliel Bailey to edit the National Era, and as a consequence, that paper was the best conducted journal ever published in the United States of America.

There is one trick which I have frequently noticed in our journals, great and small. Even the N. Y. Tribune has occasionally descended so far below its usual dignity as to parade the false orthography and grammar of a communication when it contained criticisms leveled against the editorial career.

Every literary person knows that our orthography is an absurd monstrosity, impossible of acquisition except by memorizing every word in the language, and that the fewest number of even educated persons spell correctly according to the present arbitrary method.

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In looking over the ground of content for the future year, one cannot help but see that the Bible is the Molokoff from which the enemies of Universal Suffrage expect to do most of their fighting; and indeed it is their most advantageous position.

You know African slavery was repugnant to every better feeling of human nature, and totally indefensible except for the examples and directions of the Old Testament Scriptures.

That woman suffrage will yet prevail I do not doubt. It is only a question of time. Public sentiment is advancing and prejudice giving way.

There are some glorious exceptions to the above criticisms, but generally the effort of Jesus Christ to make men loving, kind, gentle, deferential, humble, generous and human, and above all to "do unto others as you would have others do unto you," has been so much of a failure with our present day Christians

ble from experience, as we proceed with our labors, that it is much easier for the theologians to reconstruct their creeds so as to include the reforms than for the world to stop moving.

It is high time that your correspondent "Tri-aster" had begun to make his view of the Bible status of woman embrace her full equality before the law, for such is the inevitable, Bible or no Bible.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE WOMAN QUESTION.

Dear Mrs. Davenport—It was suggested to me some time since that I should contribute something to the NEW NORTHWEST. At first I thought that I could not. I had been "out of practice" for a long time, and it also seemed to me that in these days, when every subject under the sun is so freely discussed, there could be but little chance for originality of thought or expression.

Bless you forever and ever, that you exercised the moral courage to show up in his true light the man who insulted his wife by rendering her act of courtesy "null and void," and her guests by sending them in such a manner from under his roof.

REFLECTIONS.

We are rejoicing in the glorious sunlight that floods the earth with its melior radiance and seems to make all nature joyous and bright.

missress—to use a phrase more expressive than elegant—is "nowhere." Such a woman's position is exceedingly anomalous. If she has the temerity to act as if she possessed some rights of her own, her husband has the veto power, and he uses it unsparingly, often merely for the sake of using it.

As I write from a rural neighborhood, I may be compelled to testify that there still are healthy women among us—rosy-cheeked maidens, with ample breasts and well-expanded chests, who can walk a mile or two to school, and sometimes help milk cows; middle-aged, unmarried women, with stout, well-knit physiques, plenty of food and cheerful hearts, accepting and glorifying in the most menial duties; mothers, who can bear a reasonable number of children, and look as wholesome still in the green country setting as well-ripened apples in Autumn, hanging up among the glowing dark leaves.

Who are the Healthy Women Among Us? BY ANONYMOUS BROWN BLACKWELL.

At present, there are four so-called national organizations: one on the Pacific Slope, of which Mrs. Emily Pitts Stevens is President; the North-western, of which Mrs. Addie Hazlett is President; the Boston wing, called the "American," of which Mrs. Lucy Stone is President; and the National Suffrage Committee, of which I am President.

LETTER FROM COTTAGE GROVE.

COTTAGE GROVE, April 11, 1872.

Although I have never written anything for the public eye, I would like to say something in regard to common schools in Oregon. We have a school law that has many good points, but which almost fails in its object.

a race of healthy women among us, despite any existing peculiarities of our western climate. Fashion will, undoubtedly, go on still teaching her votaries that there is exquisite beauty and refinement alike in a lady's small waist and in her delicate health.

Woman Suffrage Organization.

BY ELIZABETH CARY STANTON.

I am frequently asked by correspondents about the number and differences of the woman suffrage organizations, and, as I have not time to answer all separately, will make a brief statement of facts in the Golden Age.

With this view, our manner of agitation is really changed. Instead of forming county societies, rolling up petitions against unjust laws, or in favor of further amendments to State and national constitutions, we demand our rights at the ballot-box, in the courts before judiciary committees of Congress, and in annual conventions at the Federal capital.

Some people carp at the "National" organization because it endorses Mrs. Woodhull. When our representatives at Washington granted to Victoria C. Woodhull a hearing before the Judiciary Committee of both Houses—an honor conferred on no other woman in the nation before she resigned Mrs. Woodhull as the leader of the woman suffrage movement in this country.

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gitimate targets for the press of a nation than one suffering woman who has been unjustly sacrificed in her own flesh by the iron teeth of law.

The fears of women of one another, lest they should be compromised by them, they imagine less reputable than themselves, as well as amusing as pitiful. I am told that the English women were quite nervous at the report that Anna Dickinson, Kate Field, and Olive Logan talked of visiting that country—they were so afraid lest they, by some unwelcome, might injure the suffrage movement.

Now I think we had better agree to fight our battle just as our mothers and husbands have their two revolutions—enroll all that are loyal to the principle. How much of an army should we have had for the rebellion, if every man who came to enroll had been asked the question, "Do you smoke, drink, steal, lie, swear? Are you low-bred, illiterate, or ignorant?"

CAN WOMEN FIGHT.—Dr. Lord, who since the opening of the year has been giving historical lectures in Boston, had for a subject recently, "Phillips," (the mother of the famous Black Prince, Charles of Blois. Charles in complete armor stood foremost in the breach, sustained the most violent assaults, and displayed a skill that would have done honor to the most experienced general.

Carrolla Patti had an entree worthy of a princess into the city. Triumphal arches were erected, and which she was to pass, and she strewed her path, and at her performance bouquets were thrown her, glittering with precious stones. The critic of the leading paper wrote: "When we hear Carrolla Patti sing for the first time, we shall be satisfied with Paradise." And so they went on with this hyperbolic language to express their admiration of this delightful singer.

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The wife's secret—her opinion of her husband.

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