

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES.

In consequence of Mrs. Dunlaway's being absent lecturing in Salem for a few days, she will not be able to lecture on next Sunday evening in the Theater.

THE PEOPLE MOURN.

It becomes our melancholy duty to record the sudden death, under very painful circumstances, of our efficient co-worker in the cause of Human Rights, Hon. G. W. Brown, whose untimely departure is a heavy loss, not only to his family and the community, but to the great cause of Woman's Emancipation, of which he was an able and earnest advocate.

Senate will accept this fact as an earnest that he will stand by our cause in Congress. He remarked before bidding us good-by that he had not yet said a great deal on the subject, but he was ready to act, and when he had an opportunity would always be heard on our side.

CALL FOR A WOMAN SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Multnomah County Woman Suffrage Association, held on the 15th of January, 1873, it was decided to call a mass meeting of the friends of Woman Suffrage in the State of Oregon and Territory of Washington, to be held in Portland on the 14th and 15th days and evenings of February, 1873.

The California State Suffrage Society is invited to co-operate. Delegates, or those willing to officiate as such, are requested to forward their signatures at once to the New Northwest for attachment to this call.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. O. S., Eola: We don't know that our private religious belief has anything more to do with our political work as a Woman Suffragist or Sunday work as a moralist than the religion of the editor of the Bulletin has to do with his work as a Republican or Custom House officer, or that of the editor of the Herald has to do with his work as a Democrat and public lecturer.

A. M. M., Lafayette: Many thanks for your excellent letter, which appears elsewhere. It is a little strange that persons who ought to and do know better take such delight in saying evil things of us, but the older we grow the more charitable we get. It is very natural for persons to imagine that we are what they feel that they should be in our position, and we shouldn't be too hard upon them for what they can't help. Your subscription was paid in recently. All right.

I. T. M., Kalama: Your name is recorded with pleasure. We shall certainly expect you to be present at the Convention. Thanks for renewal.

M. F. C., Lafayette: Subscriber and money order received. Send us a list of names for our call. Thank you.

Mrs. R. M., Tangent: \$8.50 received and order attended to.

A SPLENDID OFFER.

It is well known that the regular subscription price to Demorest's Magazine is \$3.00. That our friends may reap the full benefit of such opportunities as we can command to secure themselves an extra supply of good reading, we have made arrangements by which we are enabled to send the NEW NORTHWEST and Demorest's Monthly Magazine for one year for \$4.50; or for \$5.50 you can have the NEW NORTHWEST, Demorest's Monthly and a splendid pair of chromos (Falls of Niagara, and Yosemite Falls), which could not be purchased at the book store for less than \$10. Orders of this kind must be invariably accompanied by the cash for both publications at once.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN CALIFORNIA.

Mary J. Collins, Corresponding Secretary of the San Francisco Woman Suffrage Association, writes as follows: "Well, the Lib's and Dem's were terribly defeated. Mr. Greeley has gone to his spirit home, and the Republican party will, we earnestly hope, politically enfranchise the women of the country and thus place them in a condition to command respectful consideration. Susan B. Anthony voted as an earnest of her early triumph, and the officials of the political party which she so vehemently advocated have confined her to a prison cell. This outrage, which finds earnest defenders in both parties, will, we trust, work a speedy revolution.

"Our Society delegated Mrs. E. C. Curtis of Sacramento and the wife of our Senator elect, A. A. Sargent, to represent us in the National Woman Suffrage Convention, which met at Washington on the 17th inst.

"We want you to hold yourself in readiness to attend our annual meeting. We expect it to be an imposing demonstration. The time will be favorable for you to circulate the NEW NORTHWEST more effectually in this State. The Suffrage movement in California assumes more importance now than ever before. Men and women of influence speak of it respectfully, and politicians see in it more of reason, right and justice than formally.

"We are busily at work trying to move the Suffragists in the State of Nevada to force the claims of women upon the Legislature now in session at Carson. My time is now occupied in correspondence with our trans-mountain associates. I enclose a copy of a Report and Laws, submitted to the Assembly of the Cal. Legislature by a special committee raised by that body to consider the subject of woman's political needs and report thereupon. This committee quietly invited the President of our Woman Suffrage Board (Mr. Collins) to prepare such a report and such laws as would, in his judgment, harmonize with the views and feelings of the Assembly and submit them to it—the Committee—for its consideration and approval. The report and laws are just as they came from his pen. You will be pleased to note by what a huge majority the first two laws were adopted. I trust your labors will show their fruits in the next Legislature of Oregon."

LAURA GORDON HEARD FROM.

From a private letter just received from our friend and co-worker, Laura DeForce Gordon, who has been absent for the past year in the East, we extract the following:

"I came home in September, but was so troubled by a sort of bronchial affection that I was unable to engage actively in the Presidential Campaign. However, the result has proven that my aid was not needed. Poor H. G. had his wish, viz.: that he should not live to see his daughters vote.

"My health is fully restored now, and I long for the time to come to be at work again in our good cause. I have been waiting with almost bated breath to know the result of dear, noble Susan B. Anthony's arrest for illegal voting. Sometimes I am half persuaded that the verdict will be in our favor, and my women may be recognized as citizens without opposition. Again I reflect upon the bitter prejudice and obtuse bigotry of the opposition in regard to the legal status of woman, and my heart sinks within me at the prospect of the work yet to be performed. The whole future of our work now rests with the court or courts in charge of Miss Anthony's case. Oh, how anxiously we are all waiting for the verdict. What is your Oregon local Society doing?"

"I hear from our patient, brave helpers, Mrs. Schenk and Mrs. Wallis, of California, and Miss Clapp and others of Nevada, and find one all waiting anxiously and hopefully for the termination of the suit against Miss Anthony.

LETTER FROM LAFAYETTE.

Dear Mrs. Dunlaway—I have just finished perusing the NEW NORTHWEST and am glad to see the call for a Woman Suffrage Convention. I am glad to see that the friends of Human Rights are still alive to the exigencies of the times. The arresting and imprisonment of Miss Anthony is one of the best things that ever happened to further the cause of woman. I am pleased to see my name appended to the call; but I wish you would print it Ann M. instead of A. M., because there is a man up here who is a very strong opponent of Woman Suffrage, who has the same initials, and there might be some misunderstanding about it.

Did you notice that hint in the Messenger of your being a spiritualist? I think I understand your views on the subject of spiritualism too well to believe you are a spiritualist in the common acceptance of the term. Our close intimacy for years gives both of us a better insight into each other's views and opinions than we otherwise would have. I get considerably annoyed sometimes to hear people, that ought to know better, so totally misrepresent your opinions and character. But I hope it won't always be so. Go on with your work and the Lord will bless you, for you are on the right side, and He will always bless those that are trying to do good to the human family.

How I should like to attend the Convention at Portland, but I will not be able to be there this time.

Your affectionate friend, ANN M. MARTIN.

P. S. Be sure and take a brave and firm stand at the Temperance Alliance.

PORTLAND CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR NEW NORTHWEST: Last Saturday Yours Truly availed herself of the benefits of a visit from her very sensible mother, and jingling a couple of quarters in her pocket, proceeded to the matinee "for women and children." "School" was having a "run," and the audience was large—so large as to make it difficult for those to get comfortable seats who had not taken the precaution to pre-engage them. (Alas! I think the two p's in those words present a particularly pleasing appearance. Don't you?) Well, the usher with difficulty made a seat for me beside a sorrel-topped, carrotty-complexioned animal with an incipient mustache, who held an infinitesimal ratan in his musby-looking digits, with which he made the situation doubly uncomfortable by tat-tatting on the floor when one of the smaller but equally sensible children essayed an impatient snuffle. I gathered firmness enough to conquer indignation sufficiently to enable me to endure a steady look at him, and, as I gazed, this mental question was uppermost in my mind: "Who is it, or what is it? This entertainment is for 'women and children.' The posters say so. Now this nondescript can't be a woman, for women are strong-minded enough to walk without canes; it can't be a child, for children know better than to make continual vulgar allusions to 'mothers and their tarnal young ones.' No, it isn't a child, that's evident." Then the creature rolled a filthy-looking cud from under its tongue into a musby-looking cheek, opened its mouth, and out came, with a sort of hissing noise, a yellow, filthy-smelling fluid, which sought the daintiest ruffle on my best outfit and left, oh, horrors, such a stain! I'm very much afraid my mother will give Brothers Royal and Roberts instructions that will keep me away from the matinee hereafter. But when I look at my dress I can't help thinking that that nondescript should be kept at home instead of Yours Truly.

The usual thrust at mothers-in-law was being patiently endured by the women from the actors on the stage, when my equanimity was wholly upset by hearing my nondescript say to its somewhat similar appearing companion: "I intend to get a wife without such an incubance as a mother-in-law, when I marry, eh, Gus?" The creature, interrogated as "Gus," chuckled audibly and said in a sibilant whisper, "I want no mother-in-law in mine."

Yours Truly shrugged her shoulders indignantly, and loosening her boa to expand her rising wrath, gathered her skirts around her preparatory to leaving the hall. The curtain falling just then, the twain sallied forth, as I suppose, to "liquor up" between the acts, and I hitched over to where a matronly woman, with two bright little girls near her, had been enduring the insults of my sorrel-top and his associate "Gus" until she was thoroughly dis-Gus-ted. Seeing my look of annoyance, she said to me: "That popinjay and his puppy associate forget that it isn't but a little while since they were pinafores."

"Oh, I have it!" I said, in the exultant joy of an original idea. "I'll ask Mr. Waldron, through the NEW NORTHWEST, to specify the meaning of 'women and children' in his placards, so that popinjays and puppies can't come here to insult them!"

"Oh," said the lady kindly, "that would be too cruel. These creatures haven't money enough to pay their way in the evenings. Sorrel-top, as you call him, got his money from his mother, and I know Gus didn't earn his half dollar."

"He's a dead-head!" whispered a black-eyed little boy in front of us, who was eyeing the ladies' frizzled coiffures upon his knees, his elbows on the back of the chair. "He's a dead-head," he repeated earnestly. "He never had a half dollar in his life unless he begged it."

"No wonder he wants 'no mother-in-law in his,'" I said savagely. "For his mother-in-law would be compelled to provide 'her lamb' with food and shelter for both of them."

The bell jingled, the curtain rose, and Gus and Sorrel-top struggled down the aisle with contemptuous smirks on their flabby faces, rudely pushing the "children" and casting sheep's-eyes at the younger "women," doubtless even then in search of a future wife who may be free to support them without the incubance of a "mother-in-law."

Yours Truly is only a school girl, but she here declares most emphatically, that any son of woman who has no more respect for womanhood than to slur at a mother-in-law without whose suffering, anxiety and toil he could never hope to get a wife, is unfit for the society of pure-minded daughters who love their mothers and delight to honor them and see them honored.

Yours Truly will be in the market some of these years, but she wants it understood that she will take no matrimonial stock in any bandy-legged, soft-pated specimen of masculine humanity that dares deride a possible mother-in-law, speak insultingly of "young ones" at matinees "for women and children," or spit tobacco slime upon her ruffles.

School girl associates, how many of you coincide with YOURS TRULY?

OUR SALT LAKE LETTER.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 29, 1872.

DEAR NEW NORTHWEST: The Christmas festivities have come and gone, freighted with joy and sorrow. While many a young heart has beaten high with joy at the prospective pleasures of the annual holiday, perhaps to as many other hearts the scene brought more of sadness, as the days of other years rushed over memory's tablets. "Friends fondly cherished" that mingled their glad and happy voices with ours have passed away never to return, and with whom we shall not meet except on the "other side." Thoughts sad and sweet came thronging into my brain as I looked down the long vista of years, and called to mind the friends of my youth who, one by one, have grown weary and folded meekly the hand and lain down to rest ere their sun had reached its meridian. 'Tis well to think of the past, but not specially interesting to your readers to moralize upon the closing year, so I will dismiss the subject by hoping you had as merry a Christmas as you deserve, and wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Since my last we have been treated to a change from our delightful weather to the mud and slush of the land of "ye Webefer," and, not having any side-walks, we have to pick up our drapery and, like Sally Dillard's cousin's wife, "wade right through." It is anything but agreeable.

In Cottonwood recently, during a storm, a snow slide covered up eleven men who were going into the mines. Just think, if you can, of a body of snow, full half a mile in extent, rushing at one time down the mountain nearly a mile, and with such force that it went across the creek and up the mountain on the other side five hundred feet! It is perfectly appalling to think of, yet such is the fact; and these poor fellows, trudging along, footsore and weary, saw the impending danger, but could not escape. It was a terrible fate. Some of the bodies are not yet found, and will not be until the soft winds of spring come to break the snowy banks that bind them.

Salt Lake City is insufferably dull this winter in a business point. Socially, there are balls and parties, church societies, etc., while there are lectures and concerts to instruct and amuse.

In political matters speculations arise as to who will be the next corps of officers for Utah, for it is generally believed there will be an entire change of programme within the next ninety days. It was rumored that the head of Geo. L. Woods had already fallen, but it lacks confirmation. His successor was named in the same dispatch, viz.: Judge Casey of Illinois, who is a fine lawyer and very clever gentleman, though in legal ability perhaps not the equal of his predecessor.

Perhaps a sketch of Judge McKean and his court would not come amiss to your readers. I will commence with His Honor, who is a fine, bland-looking gentleman of perhaps fifty-five, with beautiful soft hair, wherein the "almond blossoms flourish," surmounting a fine legal head; his benevolent face adorned with sweet, pleasant smiles; in person tall and graceful; rather slight physical development; always wearing the air of a Christian gentleman; in faith a sterling Methodist. The Judge is a great favorite with the ladies. I heard an envious gentleman say not long since, "The ladies are all in love with Judge McKean." I think this is drawing it rather strong, but they would not show a lack of sense if it were true. I hope the Judge will not blush.

If he were at all possessed of the vanity of some of his sex, I might have spared that part of this paragraph.

Next comes Judge Strickland, who in person is above medium height, has florid complexion, reddish-brown hair and face slightly fox-marked, his physiognomy betokening good humor and a fondness of the good things of life. He is no more a favorite with the "Saints" than the Chief Justice, and for similar reasons.

Then there is Judge Hawley, last and least, physically, of the trio; but I am told he is the best lawyer of all. In person he is rather below medium height, thin, lean, lank and dyspeptic. His head is well shaped and set firmly on his thin neck, face indicative rather of acidity than sweetness. His thin, well-cut lips show strong and determined will. He is not as general a favorite with the Gentiles as either of the others, but from some cause, unexplained to me, is more in favor with the "Saints." In faith he is a strict Presbyterian.

There! I have imperfectly sketched the Supreme Bench of Utah. The Bar I will give at some future time.

As I said or intimated before, there is a good deal of speculation in the minds of both "Saints" and "sinners" as to what will be the policy of the Government in regard to Polygamous Utah, and there is some uneasiness manifest in the minds of those in authority in the "Church."

Polygamous marriages are more numerous than formerly, or at least your correspondent hears of more of them. I heard of one last week where an old cool of fifty, having lost his number five by death, went south into that part of Utah known as Dixie and found a young girl of sixteen who was willing to console him for his loss; so no Mormon marriage can take place except at the Endowment House in this city, the twain who wished to be made one set out on their three hundred miles journey, traveling all day and camping in the wagon by the wayside at night. What do you think of that for purity? Yet this is a common affair, I am told. No less curious to us are these celestial marriages, as they are called. One took place recently in this city (I will only mention one, but they are very common) where the "bridegroom" was a young man from Scandinavia, about thirty years of age, who was sealed to an old woman of sixty, a native also of the same quarter of the globe. She explained the matter thus graphically to "an outsider": "I no lives mit him in this world; we lives together in the resurrection." There is spirituality for you.

I was told very gravely a short time since by a zealous "Saint" who was laboring for my conversion that I became a Saint, except some Polygamous Mormon should be baptized as proxy for me, and no hope of my "getting" my husband in the next world except the aforesaid Polygamous friend and his wife should be married by proxy for us. My reply was rather more forcible than elegant when I told him I preferred damnation to salvation on such terms.

But few Mormons comparatively are well versed in the teachings of the Bible. True, there are some like Orson Pratt, Sen., who are pretty thorough, but the younger ones, who have had polygamy crammed into them, and who have seen its bitter fruits in their own homes and those of their friends, have become disgusted with a book that seems, as they are taught, to sanction so much of misery, and many of them are apostatizing and becoming sceptical.

I do not find every home of the pluralist a place of unhappiness. I do know one where the two women and "their husband" live very pleasantly together. This is the exception. I cannot imagine how any young girl in her senses can consent to accept a second, third, fourth or fifth part of a husband. But that they do is evident, and it is done almost daily. I know now of a young Swedish girl who is engaged to be "second" to a man who has a legal wife and six children in Europe, and who would have "taken" her the past summer had not the "Prophet" forbidden him until he should bring his wife and children to "Zion" to "gather" with the "Saints." She will come in the first emigration in the spring, and then he will take No. 2. Can you imagine the home-coming of that wife and her children?

I was told very gravely the other day that a "man's nature was richer who was possessed of a number of women." But what of the women? If one is to judge by their physiognomy, their nature is quite the reverse of rich. I will leave the subject let I weary you, but in passing let me say that with all their glaring errors I never saw a kinder people or one more ready to oblige. They are industrious and plodding, honest and thrifty, and deserve a great deal of credit for making this wilderness bud and blossom as they have. "Honor to whom honor," etc. How such a system of glaring contradictions ever got together passes my comprehension. But enough for this time.

Yours truly, SYBIL.

LETTER FROM ALBANY.

Dear Mrs. Dunlaway—In looking over the columns of your excellent journal we seldom see anything from your old Albany home, yet we doubt not you are always pleased to hear from us.

The past two weeks will long be remembered by a portion of the citizens of this place as a time of considerable religious enthusiasm, and a time of awakening from the Rip Van Winkle somnolence prevailing in the churches of this city for the last twenty years.

The week of prayer has been prolonged to a fortnight with increasing interest, and the meetings still go on, accompanied with a zeal and unanimity never before witnessed here. Most of the churches have for the last five or six years been declining in membership, while the alarming increase of intemperance warns us to assume again the aggressive, rather than the questionable character of the easy-going no policy portion of the community, always ready to follow in the train of the majority, right or wrong. The friends and workers in the great cause of Temperance seem to realize the situation, and are working with a will and determination that must ultimately meet with success. The Good Templars' Lodge is doing a good work indeed, and many are to-day ranked with the cohorts of Temperance that formerly were wont to congregate in the temples of vice.

Public installations, balls and private parties, together with amateur dramatic performances, have been the order of the day in the way of amusements, and interspersed with intellectual treats of lectures on various subjects, and for the benefit of as many different objects. On last Thursday Rev. Mr. Nesbitt of Corvallis lectured in the Congregational church of this city for the benefit of the Young Men's Sigma Phi Society of Albany Collegiate Institute, and the gentleman's experience in the lecture field led us to look for something real good, and we were not disappointed.

Yours, SHERA.

Suffrage in Nevada.

Following is the official report of Nevada's Legislative action on the Suffrage Bill:

Grey's "Female Suffrage amendment to the constitution resolution," coming up on second reading, he moved its reference to the Committee on Elections.

Savage moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

Grey said that independent of the discourtesy of the motion to him, he thought it improper to so summarily dispose of so important a matter.

Street said that he would favor the postponement of this particular proposed amendment. He said that the whole constitution needed reconstruction, and a convention for the revision should be held. It was the worst constitution of any State in the Union.

Hart favored a reference. He believed the proposition was of growing importance and one well worthy of the consideration of the House.

depreciated any action which would prevent the just and proper consideration of any proposition submitted to the House. Crawford said that while the rules allowed a motion for indefinite postponement, he was in favor of using it, and he meant no discourtesy if he voted for such disposition of the resolution.

The motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed by the following vote: Yeas—Adams, Allen, Andrews, Arnold, Burgess, Craig, Crawford, Derby, Drake, Hoppin, Horton, Lemmon, Mack, Matthews, McCall, Owen, Prager, Price, Randall, Riekey, Robinson, Sanford, Savage, Sessions, Shoaff, Smith, Stern, Street, Vinnegard, Wallace—30.

Nays—Brunner, Carpenter, Cole, Dauberg, Elzy, Fox, Gallagher, Grey, Hart, Keyser, Lyman, Morrison, Sheppard, Stoddard, Tobriner, Twiss, Wilson, Mr. Speaker, Dr. Brown, and others. At 12:30 p. m. the House adjourned till 11 o'clock a. m., Monday.

MERIT.—Real merit of any kind cannot long be concealed; it will be discovered, and nothing can depricate it, but a man's exhibiting it himself. It may not always be rewarded as it ought; but it will always be known.

The greatest human happiness is still a flower that blooms upon thorns. Often it is of so frail a nature, that hardly has it shown itself, ere it withers away.

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