

WOMAN SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

Let all our friends remember that our Convention meets to-day. The morning sessions, beginning at 10 A. M., will be devoted to business, the afternoons to social debates, the evenings to speeches, songs, etc.

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES.

The next, and twelfth of the series, will be on "The Special Mission of Man." This subject was to have been treated upon last Sunday evening, but "Woman and the Bible" occupied so much time that "Man and his Mission" had to be deferred till another occasion.

DEDICATION OF THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

The elegant and commodious new Central School building was densely crowded on last Monday evening to witness the ceremony of dedication. The choir was composed of about 150 school children, who, under the leadership of Professor McGibbeny, gave good evidence of careful training.

Hon. J. F. Caples, whose well known forensic powers have won for him an enviable reputation, addressed the assembled multitude in one of his happiest efforts. We are sorry we were unable to obtain a verbatim report of his address throughout, as it was one which Portland may well be proud of.

But we are not yet done with Professor McGibbeny's class. After prayer by Mr. O. S. Phelps, the choir sang "The Flag of the Free." Master R. Giltner followed with an address of welcome, which was rendered in masterly style.

IMPORTANT.

As our readers are in doubt and anxiety concerning the present fate of Susan B. Anthony, we will now give them all we know about it. The Boston papers say she is in prison. The Rochester papers say she is a prisoner, but is allowed the "freedom of the city."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN WASHINGTON.

On the 23d inst. Senator Wilson's bill to allow women to vote and hold office in the Territories, came before the Senate for consideration, and was indefinitely postponed.

In the House, when the bill admitting Colorado as a State was taken up, Mr. Sargent, of Colorado, moved an amendment that States, hereafter admitted, shall not deny the right of citizens to vote by reason of sex.

WOMEN ARE SUPPORTED BY MEN.

This has been the common belief of men and women for many generations. Indeed, through all the ages this fallacy has been accepted in lieu of the fact that all labor is self-sustaining.

A young couple start out together in life, generally speaking, with very little property except the wealth of loving hearts and willing hands. The husband's business being outside, he has the control of money, and for that reason feels that he is its sole rightful owner.

We call to mind a widow, living not a hundred miles from Portland, whose husband, recently deceased, left her with ten children, the youngest a babe of two months. The husband was a widower, with five children at the time of the present widow's marriage, making a household of fifteen children in all at the time of the father's death.

Did that man support this woman? What nonsense! Had her labor been awarded just pecuniary recompense, she would, at her present period of life, be thoroughly independent. Or had she been, in reality a legal partner in the marriage firm, she could now go on with the business, just as her husband would have been free to go on with it if she had died in his stead.

In our more inexperienced days, when we toiled in the farm-house, we were verdant enough, after having done the work of half a dozen during seed time and harvest, without so much as an expectation of recompense, to believe that when he would sell the grain, butter, poultry and dried apples and bring us home a clothes wringer or patent churn.

JUST SO.

DEAR NEW NORTHWEST: The "Credit Mobilier" investigation; the Caldwell Kansas "Senatorial bribery revelations"; the exposure of "Senator Pomeroy for bribery," with his arrest and his case referred to the Grand Jury, and the unearthing of corruption, political frauds, perjury and knavery in almost every town, city and county within the territorial jurisdiction of our mighty uncle, whose surname is Sausage, represent a demoralized state of affairs, under the empire of masculine rule, which it would be impossible for woman, did she possess unlimited political power and a desire for chaos, to make worse than they now are.

Let the Rev. Doctors, Hon. Legislators, literary pretenders, political philosophers and mongrel obligarchs, who pride themselves on the superiority of man's judgment and governing capacity over those of his weak and dependent sister, put these facts in their pipes and smoke them at leisure.

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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, in the Oro Fluo Hall.

The California State Suffrage Society is invited to co-operate.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mary O. B., Seattle: Your communication has been received with the "extracts." We do not think the curs who bark at you worth noticing. A lion when annoyed by skunks prudently passed them by.

Mrs. M. J. S., Umatilla, writes: "I knew you when you were a plain teacher, but will not presume to claim acquaintance now." We are very sorry that you did not send your maiden name, that we might know whether or not we remember you.

S. S., Salem: The poem shows a crude but plain, common sense view of the subject it treats of, but it is not up to a high enough literary standard to suit our columns. We give you two stanzas as a "keep-sake."

Anonymous: The author of "Nightmare" must send his real name to insure attention to his MSS.

PORTLAND CORRESPONDENCE.

PORTLAND, Feb. 3, 1873.

It is with sincere pleasure that I see so many names attached to the call for a Woman Suffrage Convention. I am glad to see that the friends of Equal Rights are beginning to realize the necessity for more united and energetic action.

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And yet men seem to think that this land is theirs exclusively; that love of country is confined entirely to their own sex. But we too were born on American soil. We too love the dear old flag; and although this is called "the land of the free," and the Declaration of Independence guarantees "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" alike to all within our borders, yet we know that one-half of the inhabitants do not possess these rights.

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THE CENTRAL MARKET.

If any one doubts the unparalleled enterprise of some of Portland's wealthiest citizens, let such a person visit the Central Market and closely note its superior regulations. Nowhere in the East is there a finer building of the kind, and nowhere in our travels have we found choicer edibles, more accommodating dealers, or cleaner, better arranged or better kept market stalls.

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HE GOT FRIGHTENED.

ROSEBURG, Feb. 7, 1873. Dear Mrs. Dunitz:—You asked me to send you something for publication. And as I have gone and frightened one man, if not more, I think it high time to confess and seek absolution.

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ITEMS FOR THE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

The Passover was a feast of the Israelites, in which they commemorated the saving of the first-born of the children of Israel by the slaying of a lamb and putting the blood on the door posts.

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LETTER FROM WISCONSIN.

MCKEANAGO, Jan. 27, 1873. Mrs. A. J. Dunitz:—Dear Madam:—Your NORTHWEST of Jan. 10th was received this morning. We have had so many "no-answers" that I had begun to fear that the white-winged messenger would be blown from its course—perhaps lost forever.

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