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A Woman's Excuse.

READ BEFORE THE STATE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION BY COL. C. A. REED.

You ask me, friends, to lend a hand To help the cause of woman, And with the wand of poetry To touch each heart that's human...

DISQUISITION.

ESAY BY MRS. B. A. OWENS OF EUGENE, OREGON—PREPARED TO READ BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STATE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE...

Follow Members of this Alliance:—In attempting to submit my views to you on this occasion, allow me first to most humbly beg your pardon for occupying any portion of your valuable time.

The object for which we meet here today must be reached through other means than those yet prescribed by the order of Good Templars. Notwithstanding the order is worthy of all praise—an order in which I am proud to claim membership—yet it is an order which I am sorry to say, in my judgment, falls far short of driving the greatest enemy of civilization from our land.

And now, my friends, I ask you could my heart be otherwise than enlisted in this cause?—I, who have been made to feel the pang that only such can feel; I, who have wept a fountain of tears, till that fountain seemed almost dry?

On the 14th and 15th of the present month the advocates of woman suffrage, in Oregon and Washington Territory, are to meet in convention, for the purpose of organizing a permanent organization, encouraging the formation of auxiliary county organizations, and generally adopting such measures as may be deemed best for the purpose of aiding the agitation looking to secure the suffrage for women.

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THE WORLD IS MOVING.

We are rejoiced that our brother of the Christian Advocate comes to the front as a co-worker. Thousands of women will bless him for his noble words when he and they shall strike hands upon the banks of eternal deliverance.

My friends, you see me as I stand before you dressed in mourning. Shall I tell you the cause of these dark robes? 'Tis but a little word, but oh, how hard to pronounce! Yes, 'tis that enemy of all womankind, Rum.

My friends, I hope you will not think I slight your invitation, or that in justice I shall fail to meet the situation; I'll send a proxy, stay at home, and let the honors, maybe, fall to the lot of some other lady.

Self-Evident Truth. We are pleased to see the following from a late issue of the Oregon Bulletin. Verily, the heaven of justice is permeating the public press to some purpose.

The Pin and the Needle. A pin and a needle, being neighbors in a work-basket, and both being idle, began to quarrel, as idle folks are apt to do.

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State Temperance Alliance.

THE MOST REMARKABLE PROCEEDINGS thus far are the report of the Committee on Credentials, adverse to the admission of the delegates from the State Woman Suffrage Convention; the irregular and disorderly scenes that transpired during the pendency of the report and the final exclusion of such delegates.

But the important question now urged upon the attention of American citizens is that of woman suffrage, or the enfranchisement of mothers, wives, daughters and sisters, subject only to the same restrictions as the other sex.

The most prominent features of the Alliance were the renewal of the Dunway-anti-Dunway fight, resulting finally in the admission of that lady as a delegate from the State at large; and the secession of a number of dissatisfied delegates from the Alliance.

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A Sad Story.

A small place in one of the interior counties of the State of New York has among its local annals a sad story of insanity. A young lady of eighteen years had fallen desperately in love with a young man of the place, but her parents, particularly her father, opposed the match.

The young lady was forbidden to see her lover, and he was told not to visit her house, but they managed, as is often the case, clandestine meetings, and interchanged assurances of their undying affection for each other.

His voice faltered, and he looked at her with imploring eyes. She was sitting, weeping, pale and trembling. In an instant she sprang to her feet, and standing proudly before her father, exclaimed: "Father, do your worst! Imprison me, starve me, drive me to madness; but never, never will I forget or cease to love the man to whom, before God, I swear to be true to the end of my life."

The sad village tale, as now told by all, relates to that imprisonment, continuing for some ten days. After a day or two, additional severity was added by making bread and water the only food offered to the poor prisoner.

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Babies and Cradles.

In this age of inquiry, it is customary to search into the beginning of things. The first printing office; the first steamboat; the first railroad and sewing machine, are matters of history.

The boy it said killed his brother, and afterwards ran away from his parents and set up business for himself. It occurs to us that the boy was raised without one day and that was why the child was spoiled; not having felt the soothing influence of a good "rock-a-bye," his passions became ruffled and sour, and hence his bad end.

Speaking of babies reminds us of the fact that we once had a crib in our house, but no cradle; wife contended that a cradle was needed, but with one, baby would not cry so much, would be easier managed, that she could save much time for other work.

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Woman's Rights Department.

Third Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association was held at Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 28th.

The Treasurer, presented the annual report, showing that there had been paid out during the year \$2,434.58, and that there was a deficit of \$236.41.

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Life on a California Plantation.

A gentleman at Los Angeles described to a correspondent the life on one of the great estates in that country, "before the Americans came." They milked cows and raised sheep and calves for clothing; they wove blankets; they made wine; they raised grain enough for their bread, and the Indian women ground this on stone.

They had a large house, and the San Fernando Mission I saw the huge stove and cement tanks in which they melted down and kept the tallow, which also was sold to the Boston men.

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