

OUT OF THE FIRE.

The fearful holocaust that swept over our city last Saturday has almost completely paralyzed all business interests.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

If the Republican party, during the present Administration, fails to fulfill its "mindful obligation to the loyal women of the country," and shall go on to stultify its national record in Congress as it has done in Massachusetts and New York, there is no power in existence that can prolong its life.

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But the party cannot afford, as a National party, to stultify its record, therefore it will not do it. Its principal leaders are men of sense, albeit two-thirds of its legislators are monkeys.

The present political outlook for the party is bad. Back pay raises, increased salaries for men in office, and a denial of increased pittance for women clerks, Credit Mobiliers, and social corruption, these are but a few of the acts of the present Administration which women are watching, and which will bring the party into disrepute.

THE GREAT CONFLAGRATION.

Portland lay asleep. All over the city the Peace Angel hovered, and the dreams of thousands as they slumbered in fancied security, were unbroken by premonitions of danger.

Women, with little children clinging to their clothes, struggled along the streets under all sorts of burdens. Men, divested of all thought of self, fought the arch fiend face to face, saving property wherever they could.

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OUR "MISTAKEN ENTHUSIASM."

As the editor of the Oregonian inflicted the grossest and vilest possible public insult upon Mrs. E. H. Taylor in commenting upon her unanswerable reply to Mrs. Brown's first letter to the Oregonian, that lady will not further attempt to reply to her through such a channel.

For, one, she never charged Mrs. Dunaway with wanting promotion, and I know she is in earnest in the woman movement, but at the same time I claim that Senator Mitchell is the same obstacle that her mistaken enthusiasm has thrown in the way that will retard the enfranchisement of the women of Oregon.

The Oregonian may not know it, but the Woman Suffragists are well aware that that other implied "obstacle" that our "mistaken enthusiasm has thrown in the way," etc., etc., is the Republican party. It was all that Mrs. Brown could do to hold herself from bolting the Woman Movement when the entire Association, numbering five hundred thousand men and women, resolved to prove their strength against their opponents by combining to defeat the woman's foe and Democratic candidate, Horace Greeley.

The political outlook for Woman Suffrage is favorable. Through the needs of the Republican party woman shall be enfranchised, just as that party enfranchised the negro, because of its numerical necessities.

A barefoot Chinaman was compelled by a member of the Emmet Guards, on the day of the fire, to run through a burning street at the point of a sabre, although the poor fellow, who could not speak English, protested as well as he could against the outrage.

PROTECTION FOR WOMAN.

Our brother of the Bulletin has partly answered a part only, of the interrogatories of last week's New Northwest in the following style, which is satisfactory in part only:

Man does not in all cases protect woman. He often deals unjustly and cruelly towards her. Injustice and cruelty also often characterize his dealings with his fellow man. It is not safe for woman to rely implicitly on man for protection, unless she first exercise due precaution and prudence in ascertaining whether the man on whom she relies is a person of integrity and honorable character.

While amidst the duty to protect herself against a secret marriage, we cannot admit, and neither, we think, will our brother, that masculine legislation tends to lead impetuous women to thus protect themselves. Say what you will, physical necessity is the first law of nature.

It is true that "no additional legislation could protect a woman in such a case" as Elizabeth King's after she had signed, but it is equally true that proper legislation would place her above the use of her sex for a support. It is not "individual legislation" in itself which women "need" or want, but only through such legislation can they secure equal rights with men before the law, that they may thereby obtain power to make and control their own destinies and thus outgrow the idea of placing implicit confidence in men's wiles or promises for physical support.

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THE WIDOW'S MITE.

Mr. J. W. Kern, of East Portland, publishes in the daily papers a most reprehensible act of Coroner Dryer. A man, in attempting to render assistance to our city on the day of the fire, was drowned. The river was dragged, but the men who were searching did not find the body.

Miss Virginia Olds wishes her views recorded in opposition to the vote of Mr. Mitchell upon the Woman Question in the United States Senate, and in favor of the views of Mrs. H. C. Brown. She thinks with Mrs. B. that we do not need votes but records in man-made legislation to restore the inalienable rights of women.

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