The New Northwest.

FRIDAY.....FEBRUARY 6, 1874.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association will be held in Portland, at Masonic Hall, Febuary 13 and 14. Delegates from all parts of the State are expected to be present.

First-class speakers have been invited to address the meetings.

California and Washington Territory are respectfully invited to co-operate with us.

Friends, all that is needed to make our cause succeed is earnest efforts among those most deeply interested.

Arrangements have been made with Capt. J. C. Ainsworth, President of the O. S. N. Company, and agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad, also with the President of the W. R. T. Company, to return all delegates free who may visit the Convention by way of their roads and steamers.

Let us have a rousing meeting in the name of Freedom, Justice and Human Rights.

ABBY B. GIBSON, President.
C. A. COBURN, Secretary.

THE CONVENTION.

When the next issue of the NEW NORTHWEST reaches our readers the Woman Suffrage Convention will be in progress; consequently, this is the last opportunity for effective exhortation to delegates, whether elected from auxiliary societies, or volunteers in the service—all of whom are expected and will be heartily welcomed—to be sure to rally around the flag of freedom, justice and humanity upon that important occasion. Friends, don't wait to be invited. The cause needs you. Its President and surbordinate officers have many cares and much labor upon their brains and hands. There are many sympathizers who have never yet publicly identified themselves with the movement.

Now is you chance, friends. Come out to the meetings. If you can't make speeches you can listen; if you can't write essays you can vote. The Convention needs you. Plenty of opponents to the cause will be there. They always come.

Remember that by patronizing Captain Ainsworth's line of steamers or the W. R. T. Co. in coming to the Convention, you will be entitled to a certificate from the President of the Association that will enable you to return home without extra expense. Entertainment will be provided by friends in the city for delegates from a distance. Every friend whether man or woman, who can speak, sing, write essays or read them and vote is invited to participate.

CONSIDER THE SOURCE.

A blind and deaf and idiotic reporter on the *Evening News*, Governor Grover's litigant organ in this city, which we sometimes notice a little just to gratify its vanity, concluded to play *smart* over the fact that, owing to a heavy storm, the attendance on the first evening of the Centennial entertainment was smaller than it ought to have been, and so, to gratify a spleen that has been *Frost-bitten* ever since his pet of the frosty name and ardent nature so gratified his repotorial imagination some two years ago, he concocted a rigmarole of silly lies while the entertainment was progressing, which very materially damaged its financial interests for the second evening. Had the people for one moment realized the straits to which a newspaper must be driven when it employs such a monstrosity of physique and mind and manner as poor Daly to do up its locals, the report would have affected nobody; but the paper came out just as they were preparing to go out to the various places of amusement, and the criticism being read without realizing who was its author, kept many from attending, and made some of the performers ill.

It is very easy for men and women whose talents are of the high order possessed by our kind friends who furnished so much good intellectual food for the Tea-Party to give a first class entertainment, but it is not possible for them to furnish Daly with eyes, ears or brains with which to appreciate it. When traveling minstrels or anti-Woman Suffrage lecturers come along who are known to be disreputable in character, this pure-minded mortal sees nothing "defective" about them or their performances. It is only when men and women of brains and character and dignity come to the front that his critical soul is troubled. Well, well! Like the man when the mule kicked him, we consider the source, and so let the poor flunkey slide.

TO AGENTS.

Will our friends who have monies in their possession which have been collected as subscriptions to the NEW NORTHWEST be kind enough to forward them at once? We are sorely pressed for cash to meet an newspaper emergency. Remember, every little helps, and if you cannot send but little at a time every half-dollar will help to swell necessary sums wherewith to liquidate ever accruing bills.

Daly is informed that the reason why "nobody cheered" when the *News* reporter was asked to come forward and see if he couldn't hear the words of a certain song the other evening, was because the audience was composed of the best minds in the city, none of whom, except our public self, had read the *News*, so they didn't understand the joke.

The Cornelius *Progressionist* is a remarkably racy, respectable and readable paper.

MORE PROTECTION.

As our readers will scold us anyhow for having stooped to notice the little *News* as much as we have this week, and, as "it is just as well to be killed for an old sheep as a lamb," we propose, while we are about it, to prove from its own columns the necessity that women should have a voice in making the laws of the land. This paper has been a scurrilous opponent of the Woman Movement; let us see if it will mend its ways after carefully perusing its own locals. The following are taken from Wednesday's issue of this week:

A retired barber, generally known as "Foul-mouthed" Murphy, visited the house of John Stanley, while in a semi-drunken condition, yesterday, and assaulted Mrs. Stanley with a view of committing rape. The door of the house was locked and barred, but it could not withstand the repeated assaults of the brute, and was at last broken down. Upon entering the house, he took up Mrs. Stanley's little child, and after boxing its ears in a fearful manner, he picked it up and hurled it out into the street. He thea attacked Mrs. Stanley, who, although entirely unprotected, managed to keep her assailant from carrying out his hellish purpose. Her cries attracted some one in the neighborhood, but before they could do anything, Stanley arrived upon the scene and whaled Murphy with a "black-snake" which he happened to have in his hand. Upon being conducted to jail, he indulged in such blasphemous language as to shock the senses of the most hardened sinner, and for an hour or two after he was placed in the dark cell he continued his blasphemous expressions, kicking at the door all the time in his impotent rage.

The voter above alluded to is always on hand to support the Democratic ticket and uphold the litigant and liquor nuisance and Metropolitan police. The woman whom he attempted to "protect" as above described is peaceable, sober, industrious and law-abiding. Will the *News* tell us by what right she is denied a voice in making the laws for punishing such brutes?

Here is another quotation from the same paper:

William Todd, a Scotch sailor, met a couple of young women on Front street, a little after dark last evening, and attempted some familiarity, when the girls ran. Just as they reached the entrance to Welch & Morgan's saddlery establishment, the fellow caught one of them and turned her cloak over her head, with the intention, probably, of carrying her off; but he was foiled in his purpose by the sudden appearance of Mr. Welch, who, we are sorry to say, did not wear out one of his "black-snakes" upon the rascal's hide.

Then the *News* in another column clinches its inadvertent argument for woman's enfranchisement in the following style:

The arrest of Todd, the impudent fellow who chased a couple of young women into a store on Front street last evening, develops the fact that there is no law upon our statute books providing for the punishment of these wretches who lay in wait to insult respectable girls. By a stretch of the imagination, the parties accused of this offence are generally fined under the ordinance providing for the punishment of disorderly conduct, but were the defence stoutly maintained, we are of the opinion that a conviction could not be had. This is a species of crime that has become so frequent of late that a lady can scarcely go about her business after dark without running the risk of being grossly insulted—and since the law takes no cognizance of the matter, we suppose the ladies will have to defend themselves by putting a pistol ball through some of these curs of low degree.

And yet, in spite of such facts as these staring the *News* in the face daily, that paper will lie, ridicule, abuse, and in every possible way injure the reputation and wound the feelings of conscientious men and women who see and grasp the only remedy for woman's wrongs—her equality with man before the law. The *News*-monger is a worse man than either Todd or Murphy. He prostitutes a prominent position where he might vastly aid in the important work of enfranchising woman from the legal and financial dominion of dirty, disreputable voters, to a low, groveling and worse than beastly attempt to beslime the workers with the inherent rottenness of his own vile carcass.

"The ladies will have to defend themselves with pistols," forsooth! No sooner would this reptile know that one of them had followed his advice than she would be assailed with the epithet, "strong-minded," and insulted just as badly as Todd or Murphy would insult her. Ladies are determined to arm themselves with ballots, and then the Dalys, Todds and Murphys will soon see that a "law is placed upon our statute books for the punishment of these wretches."

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

Jas. O'Meara, formerly one of the most radical opponents to the Woman Movement, is out with a late letter from Washington City to the *Bulletin* which contains the following significant paragraph: "We have had an enthusiastic Woman Suffrage Convention here. B. F. Butler presented to-day in the House a bill to strike the word 'male' from the fundamental act establishing this District Government. He expresses his intention to press this matter of sex, which means work, coming from the persevering Ben. We note the appearance of women here from the various States, opposing any action to deprive their sisters in Utah of the right to vote. The increased deference paid to woman delegates here is noticeable, and they express themelves as quite delighted with the present situation and future prospects of the cause."

WHAT A PITY!

A purient, groveling mind is always ready to surmise an under-current of obscenity in anything and everything which it does not fully understand, or can convert it into a dirty *double-entendre*. Among this class of persons the effete simpleton of the Forest Grove *Independent* is making his mark. He hasn't brains enough to become distinguished in any other capacity. Sorry, very. The man who controls the columns of a newspaper ought, for the sake of his patrons, to be above low, groveling nastiness of imagination.

It is really too bad that such festering rottenness flourishes in the otherwise decent and delitghtful village of Forest Grove. But it can't last long, for the citizens cannot endure it.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

A letter from this distinguished champion of right, dated Dec. 1, 1873, has just reached us, inclosed within another of date, Jan. 18, 1874, in which Susan says: "Isn't this too bad? Here, this minute, comes back the enclosed letter, with a call to attend a Convention just closed. I directed it to Portland, *Maine*. I have mailed you the Washington papers containing good, or *fair* reports, unless I have put in the *Chronicle's* report the first day, which was perfectly ridiculous. But the second day, noting the strong tide of public opinion in our favor, it repented and reported decently.

"We have never had a better Convention. House packed. Mrs. Stanton's address the first evening was the grandest she ever gave, and everybody said she never looked so perfectly queenly as tdat night. On the last evening our dear Phebe Couzens on "Women as Lawyers" made a powerful and eloquent address. Every way, Miss C., as a lecturer, is a success. She thoroughly charms her audiences. It is a rich compensation to us old workers to see and hear such brave young eloquence. May her like be multiplied throughout the land.

"I hope you will be sustained. If the sympathizers in the movement in the Northwest could realize how powerless they would be if, through lack of financial aid, they should lose a Woman Suffrage organ, they would rally to your standard far better than they do.

General Butler is to present our District of Columbia Suffrage Petition to the House to-morrow. Next business is a hearing before the Judiciary Committee, on extending suffrage to the women of the District, and then he will report Bill to the house, and feels sure he can bring Congress to a vote that will make our friends and enemies show their hand on the *main question;* for the District is solely United States ground, and Congress has sole jurisdiction over the Suffrage and everything else.

"Print the petition in large type and make an urgent appeal to every one to cut it out and paste it at the head of a sheet and gather up a few names and send on to Senator Mitchell and keep him provided with new names every morning.

"I have put in a petition for Congress to remit my fine—thus rebuking Judge Hunt and making a discussion in Congress and courts.

"I go into Connecticut to canvass the State during last of January and February.

"Now, don't fail to have a good society report at our May annual meeting. Shall the names of your State officers stand on our list the same as last year?"

The private portions of Susan's letter is too good to keep, and, although not intended for publication, we are sure she will forgive us for quoting a few sentences. They reveal the soul of a pure woman that will not be hidden under what sometimes would seem to be a severe exterior: "I noticed with deep sensations of pleasure your grand Olympia work. How it carried one back two years! and how time flies! In one sense it seems bnt a day, but in another—I have been through so much that it seems as if two years could not hold it. The dear friends I found in Oregon and Washington Territory will never be forgotten. Love to all who remember me, not forgetting Mrs. Gibson, Dr. Thompson, the two Mrs. Williams, the Eliots, and the many who compose your own household and relations. How I do wish we could chat together to-night!"

Who that has never met Susan B. Anthony except on the rostrum, or read her speeches as reported through the brains and by the fingers of narrow-minded Bohemians, would imagine that beneath the air of earnest, argumentative defiance to unjust legislation which fires up her whole organism and settles with a glow of enthusiasm upon her candid face; that behind the severity of the logician and the apparent hardness of manner that rise up against legal oppression, beats the true heart of a mother of womanhood? The above unstudied sentences from her pen are but glimpses of her affectionate inner life that sheds its kindliest rays upon those who have known her best and longest. Long may she be spared to do battle for the right. We know a crown of amaranths awaits her in the Better Land.

ORGANIZE! ORGANIZE!

Friends of Woman Suffrage, men and women, without distinction of party, in every locality, are urgently requested to form, in their own town without delay, a

WOMAN SUFFRAGE POLITICAL CLUB,

Composed of members who will sign the following article of association:

We, the undersigned, residents of ——, in the State of ——, of all political parties, believing that Woman Suffrage is a vital political issue, do hereby organize into a *Woman Suffrage Political Club*, for the purpose of forwarding the movement morally and politically, by the systematic circulation of tracts and newspapers, by holding public meetings, and especially by helping to elect the friends of Suffrage to the Legislature and to Congress, and by helping to defeat its opponents.

The present position of woman is an anomaly. In some of the States she can be elected to certain offices, but not to others. Her name can be on the ticket and she can be voted for, but she can not vote. A woman can not vote for a woman, but she can be voted for by men. In some States she may hold an office if she receives it by appointment, but, if it is to come through election, as the voice of the people, it is an offense to the people, and unsexes her; and in fact she is pronounced incompetent and unfitted for it. And in States where she may be elected to certain offices, should she venture to throw a ballot, she is liable to arrest and imprisonment.

EGOTISM.

Our friends will pardon us for publishing, occasionally, a few of the many words of cheer like the following that are reaching us from every quarter. Many cheering letters that we receive are accompanied by injunctions of secresy, from a morbid fear the writers have of appearing in print; but we do not feel that we are violating confidence in presenting these:

"*Dear Mrs. Duniway:*—Please apply the enclosed two dollars (currency) on my account. Don't know how much I owe, as I have not yet received my bill. But I know you cannot supply your friends with the intellectual feasts you provide for them weekly without funds. And, by-the-by, your paper grows better every week. God bless you, dear friend. What would become of our noble cause without you? It is easy to sit by our fires and sympathise with the right, but to go forth and fight for it as you do requires a spirit of self-sacrifice, fortitude and ability which few possess. Long live the NEW NORTHWEST and its noble proprietor.

"Please change my address from Amity to Dayton.

"Your ardent admirer and true friend,
"T. S. WHITCOMB.

"Dayton, Or., January 21, '73."

We have not yet sent your bill, from sheer lack of time to attend to it. With *everything* to do, from making beds and biscuits to washing dishes, editing the NEW NORTHWEST and making speeches, to answering calls and patching trowsers, engineering Conventions and sewing on buttons, we find it impossible to be as prompt in business matters as we should like. But let every lady who has a spare dollar for the paper send it along. We must have money to keep it going and will cheerfully acknowledge all we receive.

The above answer will also apply to the following:

"*Dear Mrs. Duniway:*—I did not receive my paper of January 16th; the postmaster said it never came to the office. Please send it, for I am deeply interested in Mrs. Victor's story, and cannot bear to lose a chapter of it. And please let me know when my subscription ends, for I cannot do without the NEW NORTHWEST.

"May God speed you in your noble work, is the earnest desire of
"MRS. S. J. CAREY.

"McMinnville, Or., January 25, 1874."

THE "OUTSIDE" ON THE WAR PATH.

The McMinnville *Patent Outside*, having been baffled in its attempt to cast mud on the NEW NORTHWEST, now tries another tack, and opens upon us with a scurrilous volley quite as ridiculous and false as the other. After garbling and otherwise mutilating one of our editorials, it accuses us of "wrangling in the Temperance Alliance." The simpleton had better go slow until he can learn to read and understand plain English. The fact is that all the "wrangling" that was done in the Temperance Alliance, as full reports published in all the respectabte papers and now on file in the Library in this city clearly prove, was committed by a very small faction of weak-minded *men*. Not a lady there made one intemperate speech. Every word that we uttered is on file in the published reports, and the sniveling *Outside* knows, if it has one grain of common sense, and will acknowledge, if it has one spark of common honesty, that we stood our ground with dignity and firmness, against the meanest possible network of petty oppression and noisy opposition; and the *right* triumphed after a hard and long battle on the part of our many friends, against the deceit and treachery and ignorance and prejudice of a very few, but very mean and noisy enemies. We are ready for the next mud ball. Try again, if it amuses you. We are not hurt, but we are ashamed of some of woman's protectors.

The *Capital Gazette* is the name of a new paper just started in Washington by Helen M. Barnard. Mrs. Barnard was editor of the *Woman's Campaign*, published during a part of 1872-3. This paper was short-lived owing to financial disabilities. The Toledo Suffrage Association assisted it some by money raised for the purpose; not, however, enough for any very material aid, but sufficient to express the good will of the Association. We sincerely hope that the present effort, "starting into life," as it purports, "from the remains of the *Woman's Campaign*," and advocating not only Woman Suffrage but various other progressive measures, may be more successful pecuniarily, and in all other respects meet the hopes and expectations of its founders.

We are informed by the Secretary of the State Woman Suffrage Association that she is in reciept of many letters from prominent gentlemen, who express their hearty sympathies with the objects of the coming Convention, and a number of them have promised to attend and address the meeting. Delegates are being elected from various parts of the State, and we look for a rousing meeting. We also expect the Washington Territory Society to be well represented. Have not yet heard from California, but have no doubt but we shall before the Convention meets.

The *Statesman* and *Oregonian* have formed themselves into a mutual admiration society. Each is congratulating itself and copying the sayings of the other upon its "morality" and "independence" and consequent increase of patronage.

We have just found out what ails Daly. Never dreaming that he was a "reporter" and therefore a "dead head," a gentleman collected pay for his supper at the tea party. Too bad! *His appearance* ought to "dead head" him anywhere!

THE TOAST AND TEA PARTY.

Socially, the entertainment given on Friday and Saturday evenings, to commemorate the Centennial of the Boston Tea Party, was a most decided success. The different participants acquitted themselves with great credit, and the whole performance was well received by the audience and well noticed by the decent and reliable portion of the press. The principal actors in the entertainment were gentlemen and ladies of ability and culture, who are well known and well appreciated by the Portland public. As we prefer to allow the newspapers to tell their own story, we publish from the dailies the notices given during its progress. But we regret to say that financially the entertainment was a failure, and the editor of this paper was a heavy loser. Had we followed our own judgment and published the meeting as a benefit of the NEW NORTHWEST, giving the names of those who were to take part, as well as the characters they were to assume, our friends now believe that the people, fully understanding the object of the entertainment, would have rallied fully to its support. But that is past. Better financial luck next time. Many of the citizens of Portland evidently care very little about One Hundred Years Ago, or any of the historic events connected therewith.

We are under special obligations to Captain J. C. Ainsworth, J. W. Jackson & Co., Mr. I. F. Powers, Mr. M. Shepard, the Good Templars, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Windserd, Dr. Pilkington, Mr. Breeden, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Hendee, Miss Peters, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gibson, Miss Gibson, Miss Kimberling, Mrs. and the Misses Bodley, Mrs. D. W. Williams, Mrs. Dalton and daughter, Dr. Thompson, Julius Thielsen, Frank Owen, Mrs. D. F. Smith, Mrs. Morse, and many other ladies and gentlemen for valuable assistance in carrying out the programme. These names are readily recognized as being of first-class talent, and our only regret is that through the gangrened malignity of a poor, diseased specimen of imbecile humanity who was present as reporter for the little *News*, anything was said to wound the sensitiveness of any of them.

We are very glad the party was given, as it proves that we have many friends among the brain power of Portland with whom we were not before acquainted. To these dear friends our heart goes out in grateful remembrance, and when, in the near future, the great principles of human freedom for which we are so earnestly striving shall have become established, and the struggle to attain it have become, like the original Boston Tea Party, a part of the world's history, they will look back to this Centennial entertainment as a marked event in their lives. To all who aided, whether by speech or song, or essay or recitation or labor, the cause of Human Rights will be forever grateful.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN OREGON CITY.

Mrs. A. J. Duniway:—Possibly you desire to hear from Oregon City. The committee appointed to prepare for an organization of the friends of the Woman Movement here have been greatly hindered, individually. We are just about to go to work. Will organize Monday, 9th prox., at 7 P. M. I am sending out papers and addressing circulars and letters to persons in every precinct in the county. Can you kindly furnish me with names of any sympathizers in the county that it is important to reach? I shall send you two subscriptions. Excuse haste.

J. DEVORE JOHNSON.

Oregon City, January 24 1874.

Gen. Logan, of Illinois, has introduced a Utah Bill in Congress bearing even harder on the Mormon women than Senator Frelinghuysen's. Since this bugbear of polygamy troubles our virtuous law-makers so much, why don't they punish the men, who alone are responsible for it? Isn't it cowardly to disfranchise the women and allow the men to go scot free when the latter are the greater sinners?

Woman Suffrage and Temperance---A Mathematical Demonstration.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In last week's *Advertiser* your correspondent from Rockport wrote, under the head of *Public Institute*, that "some discussion occurred on Woman Suffrage as a cure for intemperance, some thinking that right acting was as much needed as right voting, and that it was not so much more votes that were needed as better ones."

What the others thought is not stated; allow me, therefore, to mention what I think.

Surely *better* votes are needed, and this is one reason why we urge Woman Suffrage. We believe that *more* votes will result in better ones. To demonstrate:

Statistics show that fifty per cent. of the men in the country use intoxicating drinks, while of the women only two and a half per cent. use them. The men only having the ballot, there is a constant battle between rum and temperance. Temperance will not acheive a victory until we have *more and better* votes. How can we have this result in the quickest and best possible way?

Surely not by trying to make temperance men—we have tried that a long time—but by allowing women to use their God-given rights.

We estimate that there are one thousand men voters in this town, and also one thousand women who should be allowed to vote. Temperance women will vote the temperance ticket. Here, then, is the result:

Temperance—500 votes by men, 975 votes by women; 1475 total temperance votes.

Rum—500 votes by men, 25 votes by women; 525 total rum votes.

Majority for temperance, 975 votes—almost equal to the total number of voters at present.

This shows that while Woman Suffrage will give more votes, that it will also give better ones. To make this nation a temperance one, let temperance men labor that women may be allowed to use their natural right—the ballot.

The estimate that we use in regard to this town, your readers can apply to their own town, the state and the nation.

ALLEN P. FOLSOM.

—*Cape Ann Advertiser.*

WOMAN SUFFRAGE MEETING IN SALEM.

The Association met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. President, Mrs. Minto in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting read and corrected.

The Constitution and By-Laws were then read, and several came forward and joined the Association.

On motion, an Executive Committee was elected, consisting of Mrs. E. Strong, Mr. John Minto and Mrs. R. Mallory.

On motion, Mr. Avery's resolution, offered at the last meeting, was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Mr. Avery, Mrs. Jordan, and Major Williams.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the delegation to the Woman Suffrage Association was increased by electing the folfowing persons: Mrs. Belle W. Cooke, Mrs. J. W. Jordan, Mrs. E. D. Towl, Mrs. R. Mallory, Mrs. Wm. England, Mrs. E. Strong, Mrs. R. T. Hawley, Mr. Mr. B. K. Myrel.

A resolution was offered by Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Adams, pledging the Association to support none but temperance candidates for office, and to labor for the defeat of all others. It was discussed and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Reed, Avery and Mrs. Price.

On motion of Mrs. Jordan, a vote of thanks was tendered Hon. P. C. Sullivan for his address before the members of the Association, and Hon. R. Mallory was invited to deliver an address before them on next Saturday evening, at the Opera House.

The Association adjourned until next Saturday at 3 o'clock P. M.

THE CASE IN CALIFORNIA.

The friends of Woman Suffrage in California are out with a pertinent manifesto in which they eloquently set forth their grievances, asking the Legislature that they may be repealed, and the Constitution so amended that women may vote.

Let our brethren read the following statement concerning the different legal rights of men and women, and then ask themselves if woman's demand is not just. Indeed, the only injustice we see in the whole matter is the necessity that woman should be compelled to ask for that which naturally belongs to her.

To the Honorable the Legislature of California in Senate and Assembly Convened:

The Board of Control of the California Woman Suffrage Association has instructed the undersigned, its officers, to respectfully represent to your Honorable Bodies,

That "Taxation without representation is tyranny," as much now, as in the stormy and trying days of the American Revolution.

That "All governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," now, and in California, as then, and in the thirteen revolting American Colonies.

That "The natural and inalienable right of all men to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," is as important, pressing and sacred in 1873 as it was in 1776.

The undersigned further represent that the Constitution of California, the provisions of which your Honorable Bodies possess no authority to override or annul—excluding the women of the State from the ballot-box—the reservoir of all just authority, the very citadel and sanctuary, in a republican form of government, of individual freedom and collective harmony, and which virtually enacts laws, defines crimes, determines and executes their penalties, imposes taxes, dispenses patronage, and directs the educational and all the moulding and controlling conditions of society for good or evil—ignores not only our boasted principles of self-government, the cherished and sacred declarations of the fathers and founders of our Federal Republic, which are now, by the people of California, theoretically accepted as political axioms, but it also holds them amenable to laws which they had no voice in enacting, and to which they have never been invited to yield their assent; laws which deprive them of their property, their liberty and their lives.

The undersigned further represent that the women of California are now laboring under legal disabilities, which your Honorable Bodies possess unrestricted constitutional authority to remove, a few of which they herewith respecfully submit:

First. They are denied official authority in the management of the Public School Department, and are, therefore, excluded from the most lucrative and honorable positions of teachers, even though more than four-fifths of the educational staff, in large towns and cities, are composed of women.

Second. They are practically excluded from sharing the honors and emoluments of thousands of official positions, large pay, light work and short days, to discharge the duties of most of which woman is naturally as well fitted as man.

Third. The laws subject those of the *femme de pave* class to indignities and a system of surveillance, proscription and oppression, which they do not impose upon their male partners in crime.

That the laws discriminate, with cruel severity, against the wife, the following facts indicate:

First. They confer on the husband the same absolute control over the management and disposition of the common property of the husband and wife—"other than testamentary"—which he has over his own separate estate, which affords him facilities, if he be so inclined, to defraud his widow of her equitable share of the family estate.

Second. They deny her the same absolute dominion over her private property that is possessed by the husband over his individual estate.

Third. They deny to the widow the same inheritance of the common property and the same unrestricted rights to its management, on the demise of the husband, that they award to the husband on the death of his wife, but, at his decease, the estate goes into probate, to be closed up by strangers, by a tedious and expensive process.

Fourth. They allow the husband, while the common property is in his possession, without requiring even the formality of a legal complaint, the taking of an oath or the filing of a bond, for the good faith of his action, to denounce, through the press, his wife, and forbid her credit.

Fifth. They require the wife, who may be burdened with an invalid, imbecile or drunken husband, before she can transact business legally in her own name and on her own account, to submit to a tedious, expensive and humiliating process, before a tribunal which may finally deny her application.

Sixth. They exclude her, however well qualified, from official positions on boards of management of joint stock corporations, for profit, in which her money may be invested.

In view, therefore, of the foregoing considerations, and firmly believing that women, if allowed to participate in the affairs of State, would gradually infuse into the Government the same peaceful, humane and moral influence which have, by means of her presence and labors, made the church and school the centers of order and refinement, and the home the symbol of purity, peace and love, the undersigned most earnestly, but respecfully, pray your Honorable Bodies:

First. To so amend the Constitution that it will confer upon women the right to vote upon the same terms and conditions that men exercise the franchise, and refer the same to the succeeding Legislature for its adoption, and submission to the people for their approval.

Second. To enact laws which will make women eligible to positions of official authority in all departments of the Public School; provide that they may enjoy an equal share of the clerical and other offices, the duties of which are suitable to be discharged by women, in each of the departments of the Municipal, Township, County and State Government; that the wife should have full power to contract, and the same absolute ownership over her own property as she possessed before her marriage, so that she shall be, in respect to her natural, personal and property rights, the equal of her husband.

Third. To so change alter and amend the laws within constitutional limits, that all the legal disabilities now imposed on the women of this State shall be entirely removed.

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San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1873.

Toast and Tea Party.

The attendance last evening at Masonic Hall was not as large as we had reason to anticipate, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, and the counter attractions. However, the attendance was quite fair, and the programme fully up to the public expectation in respect to the character and the manner of redition. The exercises commenced promptly at 8 o'clock. The first exercise on the programme was a piano solo, charmingly rendered by Miss Carrie Dalton. The song and chorus, "There was an old lady, and she lived over the sea," was sung by "Ye Ancient People," consisting of a number of ladies and gentlemen, attired in the unique costumes of the average New Englander a century ago. This was followed by an original poem entitled "A Hundred Years Ago," read by Master Willis Duniway. Father Harmon next favored the audience with a solo, "Revolutionary Volunteer," dressed in suitable costume. Mrs. A. J. Duniway then read an interesting and appropriate "Open letter to the Boston Commonwealth," from the pen of Mrs. F. F. Victor. The "Beautiful Snow" came next on the programme but the person who was to recite it not being present, "Sheridan's Ride" was substituted, which was recited by Mr. H. Breeden. Dr. J. B. Pilkington next read that beautiful poem from the pen of Will Carleton, "Out of the Old House into the New." An "Old Ballad" was sung by Miss Peters (Ye Ancient Belle) in costume, which occasioned no little merriment. Miss Clara Duniway (Modern Belle) sang very effectively a "New Ballad," which won for the young lady an encore. Thomas Hood's beautiful poem, "The Bridge of Sighs," was faultlessly, we might say exquisitely, recited by Mrs. D. F. Smith. Miss Carrie Dalton recited with good elocutionary effect, and in a clear tone of voice, Montgomery's "Arnold Winkelried," which elicited rounds of applause. The next which followed was a colloquy, rendered by Young America, represented by Julius Thielsen, Brother Jonathan, by Frank Owen, and Aunt Columbia, personated by Miss Julia Bodley. The concluding exercises of the evening consisted of the old familiar air, "America," after which the audience was dismissed.

A long table extended through the hall, covered with a bountiful supply of edibles, to which all were invited to partake. Many of the audience remained to supper.—*Oregonian.*

MUSICAL INTELLIGENCE.—A thief was lately caught breaking into a song. He had already got through the first two bars, when a policeman came and hit him with a stave.

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