

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL W. S. ASSOCIATION.

For more than a quarter of a century the representative women of this nation have held annual meetings...

In halls of legislation and courts of justice, as well as in Conventions, woman's equality with man in all civil and political rights, privileges and immunities, has been debated and variously decided by popular opinion...

The fact that women are already voting, holding office and resisting taxation; that thousands are enrolling in the Grange movement and Temperance Crusade; that Woman Suffrage is to be voted upon in Michigan at the next election...

For an earnest discussion of the duty of the hour, we invite all persons interested in woman's enfranchisement to meet in Irving Hall, New York, on the 14th and 15th of May next.

Speakers announced hereafter: SUSAN B. ANTONIO, President, Rochester, N. Y.

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, Chairman Executive Committee, Tenafly, N. J.

COUNTY W. S. CONVENTIONS.

The time appointed by the Executive Committee of the State W. S. Association for holding Conventions in the several counties is now close at hand.

We hope that those Vice Presidents who have received the instructions of the Committee have made the preliminary arrangements for a successful rally of the friends of Suffrage in their respective counties.

Work—earnest, persistent work is all that is necessary to make these meetings a grand success. We have out-lived that stage of our progress wherein ridicule was arrayed against argument...

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SOME FACTS.

The Alta California has the following: We will not vouch for the wisdom of the Board of Censors in voting to repeal all Sunday ordinances...

This is the style of comment to which certain journals and certain individuals are much given. We hear it said in Portland that the Crusaders have attempted, in one instance at least, to part a husband and wife...

this liquor question; neither was any attempt ever made to disunite them. The ladies did try to induce him to leave off selling liquor...

As for Mr. Fryer, he was ill while on the jury, and rendered more so by business worry. Undoubtedly this indisposition and anxiety about his affairs was why he did not hold out against the other five...

It has even been charged that one man committed suicide because the ladies talked to him. That man was found in the river; but as he had hardly been sober for the past ten years...

Let any attentive reader of the daily papers take note, and keep a record for one month, or one week, of the divorces, murders, defalcations, insanity, suicides, accidents and injuries attributable directly and indirectly to liquor drinking...

Those journals which have only scorn and jeers for workers in a reform so imperative as this one the women have undertaken are nearly as mischievous and inimical to the interests of the community as the saloon men themselves...

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR READERS OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: Another week of weary waiting we start for home!

Yet the journey has not been devoid of interest. Many new friends, whose acquaintance we shall treasure through life, have met and welcomed us; many thousands of gleaming eyes, into whose depths we may never look again, have beamed in kindly interest upon us in the lecture room...

Returning to San Francisco one week ago, we found one bright-eyed member of our household awaiting us, and her warm greeting only made us more anxious to see the half-dozen others.

Work was at once planned for us for Oakland and San Francisco, but the constant travel and toil of the previous month had so exhausted us that we were reluctantly compelled to lie by for repairs.

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tured laugh followed and the committee was chosen. On Thursday evening, the union prayer meeting at Dr. Stone's palatial church, brought together a small audience...

Rev. Otis Gibson was evidently obeying the orders of a coterie of ministers who took care to remain away. He protested that God was doing all the work, through the women of the country, but took care not to give either God or the women a ghost of a chance to do anything except at his dictation.

Leaving Nevada City at the close of our pleasant engagement in Grass Valley, and at that place we enjoyed a ride in a private carriage over the fearful stage-road to Colfax already described in a former letter...

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THE LADIES' MEETING.

One of the most interesting features of the Union Temperance meetings is the "ladies' night." After the first "stage fright" was off a little, the ladies confided rapidly to master the situation, and some of them made very good short addresses.

It is to be expected of us. We are all children—never have been permitted to grow to our proper stature—but by and by we shall perhaps come of age, and be able to act accordingly.

San Francisco, April 27.—Female canvassers are busily engaged in soliciting signatures to total abstinence pledges and are meeting with fair success.

The liquor men are going to protect their customers against the local option law! Ah, that is nearly equal to the spirit of Portland juries.

"WEAK-MINDED."

It has taken us several years to get so accustomed to the odium of being "strong-minded" that we could endure it without a sinking sensation every time we heard the term applied to us.

LETTER FROM SHERIDAN.

In a late number of your paper I found an extract from the Oregonian, alluding to the fact that men have failed to settle in every way the equal of the husband, and that it is not the part of one equal to obey another.

Now, there are two points I wish to make in connection with these remarks. But first let me express my thanks to the Oregonian for even that feeble confession of faith; and further, let me say that those journals who come out boldly and stand firm in defense of the Temperance movement and of Woman's Suffrage, are the ones which will wield the greatest influence in the "good time coming"—yes, just at hand.

So, then, legal enactment is what is wanted. Well, if legal enactment will "settle the question," why not have it settled, and that right speedily? I am truly glad the Oregonian is taking the right view of the case, and shall expect its influence hereafter to be used in favor of prohibition.

Now, Mr. Oregonian, if you believe this—and I have no doubt you do—why not use your influence to secure equal rights for all citizens? You are a zealous defender of what you conceive to be the rights of men. Then why this distinction? Why are you so ungalant as to leave the women to fight their battles alone? "A word to the wise," etc.

Now I wish to pay my respects to the Bulletin. In the issue of April 4th I find a statement that the report on the cost of the police system of Portland will show a total cost of over \$40,000 during last year, and the editor asks if "the people who are paying such heavy taxes begin to see what is the matter?" No doubt they do; no doubt they begin to see that the rum traffic is the cause of such enormous public expenses.

In the State of Maine they have a prohibitory law. J. N. Stearns, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the National Temperance Society, "visited the county of Franklin in that State, and found not one grog-shop in the county, and in the county jail there had been no prisoner for over a year."

CRIMINALS TO SUSTAIN TAXES WERE LIGHT.

Mr. Stearns then "visited the Penitentiary at Albany, N. Y., and found therein 225 men, mostly young or middle-aged persons, and 80 women." The Superintendent told Mr. Stearns that "more than three-fourths of the prisoners were confessed inebriates, and that of the balance who called themselves temperate, nearly all were, more or less, in the habit of using strong drink."

Again, in the National Temperance Advocate, of December, 1873, we find the following: "How prohibition 'kills' in Maine is told by 'Harper's Weekly,' as follows: 'There is a scarcity of something almost every year in some sections of the country. Sometimes it is corn, sometimes fruit, sometimes potatoes. But Maine reports another unusual deficiency this year, namely, a falling-off in the number of inmates of the prison at Thomaston. There have been, usually, 450 men in the State prison; now there are only 122. And it is stated that there are only about 250 in all the jails and prisons of the State.'

That is, in the State of Maine, where prohibitory laws are in force, the whole State can only furnish 250 prisoners, while in New York, where they have no prohibitory laws, in just one prison we find 605 men and women.

The gist of the whole matter is this, that where prohibition prevails crime is almost unknown, and consequently police expenses are inconsiderable; and on the other hand, where the traffic is sustained by laws, criminals are abundant, and consequently police expenses are heavy and taxes high.

Yes, the people "begin to see what is the matter;" and with the American people to know their duty is to do it, and we shall have such a revolution in political and social affairs as shall rescue this nation from the depths of shame to which it was being dragged by the rum power.

I see in a late number of the Bulletin, that the ladies of the Temperance Alliance at McMinnville have ceased operations; but it does not state the reason why, which is that the enemy they were fighting has laid down his arms, or retreated, or something of that sort, but the ladies stand ready to face the foe whenever he makes his appearance.

I hope the ladies of Portland will never falter in their side. They have the promises on their side. They have come to the help of the Lord against the mighty; and though they may suffer apparent defeat, yet He who sees the end from the beginning "is high unto all that call upon Him in truth," and their "labor shall not be in vain." LENORA.

CORRECT.—At the regular meeting of the Radical Club of Philadelphia, February 25, E. M. Davis, President, in the chair, a letter was read asking the Club to take action in regard to a change in the marriage ceremony in the Protestant Episcopal Book of Prayer, to the effect that the word "obey" in the promise of the wife to the clergyman officiating, be henceforth excluded, so as to read, "I promise to honor and cherish." The reason alleged was that the wife is in every way the equal of the husband, and that it is not the part of one equal to obey another. This letter, which was also read at a previous meeting, was repeated yesterday as a preface to the following resolution, presented by the Chairman and adopted by the Club: "On the subject of the promise of obedience on the part of woman at marriage, the Radical Club agrees with J. Stewart Mill, when he says, in his 'Subjection of Woman': 'That the principle which regulates the existing social relations between the two sexes—the legal subordination of one sex to the other—is wrong in itself, and now one of the chief hindrances to human improvement; and that it ought to be replaced by a principle of perfect equality, admission of the equality or privilege on this one side, nor disability on the other.'—(Chap. 1, p. 1.) And with Lucretia Mott, who wrote in 1829 as follows: 'In the true marriage relation, the independence of the husband and wife is equal, their dependence mutual, and their obligations reciprocal.'—Woman's Journal."

FOLKISH HABITS.—Walking along the street with the point of an umbrella sticking out behind, under the arm or over the shoulder. By suddenly stopping to speak to a friend, or other cause, a person walking in the rear had his brain penetrated through the eye, in the streets, and died a few days ago.

To carry a long pencil in vest or outside pocket. Not long since a clerk in New York fell, and the long pencil pierced an important artery; that it had to be cut down from the shoulder to prevent his bleeding to death, with a three months' illness.

To take exercise or walk for the health when every step is a drag, and instinct urges repose.

To guzzle down a glass of water on getting up in the morning, without any feeling of thirst, under the impression of the health-giving nature of its washing-out qualities.

WOMEN IN THE WASHINGTON POST-OFFICE.

Look in at the Post-office window. There you may see a highly bred lady declaring indorsements in Spanish, German, French and Italian, and she scarcely knows herself why she is in this place, because it all seems so new, and yet she thanks Providence for affording it. A few months ago, residing in Naples with her father's family, acquiring in easy competence the tastes and accomplishments which make woman twice-divine, she was smitten to the earth with this news: Her uncle, with madness for stock gambling, had used her father's fortune and lost it all, down to the family plate. Nothing was before her but work, and necessity brought forth. Blessings be the God of human nature for the truth of that text—"As thy day, so shall thy strength be!" There comfortably at work, respected as ever and taking courage, the fair Neapolitan sees for the first time for use as well as for science.—Washington Letter.