

NOTICE.

Agents will please take notice that it is a great deal upon us to pay express charges upon small orders, and they will confer a great favor by remitting to us through money orders or registered letters.

"ONE WOMAN'S SPHERE."

We are happy to be able to announce a new serial story from Mrs. Duniway's fertile pen, to commence in next week's issue of the NEW NORTHWEST, under the above caption, and continue for six months, more or less, according to the shape the story may assume under the guidance of the author's inspiration.

Her many friends will have opportunity to compare the story, written and published with largely out-of-her-teens, and now rising in these columns, with the production of her maturer years, which is to be its traveling companion through the press. The thousands of readers who eagerly followed the "Happy Home" to a glorious "Husband's Triumph," and who are this week engaged in perusing the first chapter of "Captain Gray's Company," are assured that in the new serial "One Woman's Sphere," they shall have a treat in every way worthy of the genius of its able and enterprising author.

Let all our friends take due notice that the NEW NORTHWEST, in addition to a large amount of other original matter, is to be engaged for many months to come in the publication of two serials, either of which, in book form, is worth the subscription price of the paper. Now is the time to subscribe.

SHALL MORALITY BE THE TEST?

On the 7th of April, a bill to enable unmarried women to vote at elections was debated in the British House of Commons. Mr. Smollett, one of the opponents of the measure, gave as a reason for his opposition, that the bill, if passed, would enfranchise women who gained their living by immoral practices. The House, upon a division, refused to order the bill to a second reading by a vote of 187 to 132. The argument of Mr. Smollett of course had due weight with those members, or rather the elms in the British Parliament, who favored and secured the passage of a bill to legalize immorality and render it innocuous. "If morality is to be made the test of franchise, so be it. But let it not be confined to one sex or the other; but bring both up to the required standard. If the right to vote be based upon morality, as the remarks of one learned parliamentarian seem to indicate that he believes it should be, it is certainly not for women to object, as they, and not men, are best able to stand the proposed test. We would ask this gentleman, and those who believe with him, who it is that supports and keeps up houses of infamy? Who sustains the drinking houses of the land? Do not the statistics show at least twenty men imprisoned for various crimes to one woman?"

The vicious classes everywhere, including, with perhaps rare exceptions, the abandoned women, whom some men with weak parity desire to exclude from political privileges, are opposed to the enfranchisement of women. As a friend remarked, a few days since, the "banded powers of Satan seem a unit against it." They doubtless intuitively feel that the vote of woman will be given against their supremacy. This struggle for the emancipation of woman every day more clearly defines itself as a struggle of morality against immorality; of right against wrong; of justice in close and deadly conflict with injustice. And the friends of right, staunch and true, are steadily, though to some weary with long endeavor it may seem slowly, gaining ground that once gained they never relinquish; sowing it may be for others to reap, but steadily sowing still; strong in the certainty that a bountiful harvest will in due time be garnered by a multitude of earnest and willing laborers.

If morality be the test for voters, we only ask that the enormity of the crime, the immorality of the lives, practices and calling of those who exercise the right of franchise, may be considered without regard to the sex of the foe, enlightened, and intelligent citizens of a nation.

Knowing that if we give some of our opponents plenty of rope they will sooner or later hang themselves, or, in other words, that opportunity to be heard is all that is necessary to the overthrow of their arguments (?) against political equality, we have from time to time given place to effusions from a gentleman who resides in Walls Walla, giving his version of certain matters. Luderous and fearless statements are frequently made, without, as we charitably believe, the makers or repeaters thereof being fully conscious of the irrelevancy and nonsense of the same. An opportunity to see some of these in print has been given by the publication of the effusions mentioned, and we are confident that those who have read them can see the point. Very few of the opponents of equal rights are willing to see their reasons for their opposition in print, and they make such a poor, not to say ridiculous showing; that truly we do not wonder. Another denizen of Walls Walla, not content to allow the former one to wind himself up in his own illogical nonsense, aids in his entanglement by an exposé of his motives in a letter published elsewhere.

The zealous workers for woman's enfranchisement whom an English statesman characterized as "turbulent women in America," feel greatly encouraged at the recent vote upon the suffrage bill in Parliament. Two years ago the vote on a similar bill stood 221 to 135. A change of 18 votes would have carried the measure this year.

A BRIEF VISIT TO FOREST GROVE.

As we sat in our usual place one day last week, scribbling away to supply the insatiable demand for "copy," we were made glad by a kindly invitation from relatives who reside in the deep green country, to leave, for a few hours, at least, the care of family and business in the metropolis, for a reunion with loved ones within the walls that enclose our paternal home. Our great desire to accept the invitation, surrounded by the various obstacles that immediately presented themselves to our mind, or, perhaps, gave us renewed courage to overcome or conscience to let them slide. Accordingly, after the usual rehearsal of directions, cautions, and exhortations to the members of our household who were to be left in charge at home, we, on Saturday afternoon, started at our quickest pace for the depot, and were soon seated in the coach attached to the west side train bound for the cozy and quiet little village of Forest Grove. Having heard much of the dangerous condition of Fourth street bridge, we set out with the womanly determination to be properly frightened when the train should cross it, but were chagrined to discover, after a short time, that we had let the moment and train pass without an exhibition of heroism. In fact, that we were safely beyond the bridge before we were aware of having reached it. On we sped, with the usual reflection that we could have our fright just as well when we returned. After a pleasant ride, enlivened by the company of friends, but void of special incident, we reached the Forest Grove station, called in honor of one of Washington county's patriotic and loyal sons, Cornelius. We noted but slight improvement at the station since our departure from its depot a year before. Indeed, we believe the growth of the village has not met the expectations of its founders, albeit it is adorned by a commodious and substantial hotel and a fine public school building, while numerous comfortable and cozy cottages attest the thrift and taste of its citizens, and give the place a home-like appearance. These things were taken in at a glance, and we lifted up our eyes and beheld the tall spire which adorns the beautiful church, the commanding eminence surmounted by the college buildings of Pacific University, and surrounded by the lovely and beautiful homes that comprise the village of Forest Grove. A brisk and pleasant drive of three miles brought us to our confinement, and the year of our absence melted into nothingness, as we greeted on the right hand and the left old-time friends and neighbors, listened to the rustle of the surrounding oaks, spied out through their green foliage the wee white cottage that we for a time called home, and finally halted in front of the rambling and commodious dwelling, where ever a welcome awaits us, our father's house. The delightful visit that followed we shall not attempt to describe, conscious that to appreciate and understand a family reunion, it must be experienced. The sunny and the rainy seasons year after year pass over the old home, leaving it unchanged in our imagination, and having no power to change the hearts of those who dwell beneath the shelter of its roof.

Sabbath came, a day of alternate rain and sunshine, and eleven o'clock found us among the number of worshippers in the well-remembered sanctuary. Changes were noticeable here, for, although familiar faces greeted us upon every hand, the venerable form of one who had well served his day and generation had given place to a younger minister, who discoursed with pleasing voice, and eloquent words upon the blessings of the Gospel. The wheezy organ of old times, from which the most skillful coaxing could scarcely bring sounds of melody, is supplanted by a new and magnificent instrument, which, obedient to the touch of the new organist, filled all the air with exultant notes of praise, mingling and according with the voices of the choir, as they rose and fell in the exquisite melody of the voluntary.

The students in the University, together with their parents and friends, are in the midst of the annual bazaar attendant upon preparations for commencement, which occurs on its first Wednesday in June. The University is reported to be in a state of prosperity, although, owing to unavoidable causes, the graduating class is much smaller than usual. Misses Hattie Martin and Belle Putnam are the only members of the senior class who will finish the course this year. The district school is in a flourishing condition, there being enrolled upon its records about one hundred pupils, who are ably presided over by Mr. Bailly, principal, and Miss Ella Wait in the primary department.

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Modern investigation, as far as persistent, is steadily bringing to light new truths to elevate and bless humanity. The focus of freedom has sounded its alarm, from east to west, from North to south, awaking into action hidden and sleeping forces, that will not be quieted until justice prevails and freedom is victorious. Woman has felt its inspirational breath, and her soul has bounded with new impulses, new energy, new life. Its magnetic touch has developed new strength and revealed to her a light whereby she may be enabled to declare her sovereign will and stand the equal, at least, of man.

A GIRL'S IDEA.

At the present day, when so many colleges and academies are open to girls, it seems strange that no means are prepared by which they can make their knowledge practical, useful, and profitable. Girls have a longing to become useful and independent as well as young men graduates, he is then expected to go to work and make his own way, and if he can, his mark in the world; while a girl is supposed to be capable of doing but one or both of two things, that is, teaching school and getting married.

RECENT EVENTS.

Gen. John C. Breckinridge died at Lexington, Ky., on the 17th inst., at 15 o'clock to 5. Specie shipments to Europe on the 15th were \$73,700, of which \$65,900 was coin, the remainder silver bars. A fire at Rutland, Vermont, on the 15th, burned the Opera House and several stores; loss, \$75,000; partly insured. Jesse D. Bright, ex-U. S. Senator from Indiana, is now lying dangerously ill at his residence in Baltimore, with rheumatism of the heart. Major H. W. Bingham, Indian Agent at Cheyenne, arrived at Washington on the 15th with nine Sioux chiefs, and Will, Fill and Doctor as interpreters. A Washington dispatch says the Treasury department has information of extensive whisky frauds in New Orleans, and will soon make extensive seizures of distilleries and whisky there. A dispatch from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., states that the Empire mines will probably be put in operation this week, and prospects are favorable for resumption of work in other mines throughout the valley. Parties have been arriving at Cheyenne daily for the past two weeks, who intend going to the Black Hills as soon as the government permits. About 50 arrived there on the 15th, via Kansas Pacific road. A special says 150 bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the "Schiller," including those of Wm. Frahm, of Havensport, Iowa, S. M. Hullman, of Highland, Ill., and the Couhart family, of Augusta, Ga. The select committee of the Senate, appointed to examine into the condition of the executive departments, in order to report at next session of Congress what reforms are necessary, have nearly completed their work.

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LETTER FROM SALEM.

I have just returned from the metropolis, whither I had been sent as delegate to the Grand Encampment of the Independent Champions of the Red Cross, which convened in that city on the 11th inst. It gives me pleasure to report an exceedingly interesting session and gratifying results. The efficient past Grand Commander, C. E. Burrows, and his excellent corps of officers, retire from their honored positions with the kindest wishes of the entire membership. Rev. R. G. Hawn, our newly-elected Grand Commander, is a man of mature judgment and staunch temperance principles, and these give us unbounded confidence in his ability to push forward the work so nobly begun by his predecessors. The Encampment closed its session at 3 P. M. on Thursday, to meet on the 11th day of May, 1875, at Salem. An entertainment and ice cream festival was given in the evening after the adjournment, by Portland Encampment, in honor of the delegates assembled. Friday evening found me loath to leave the friends whose hospitable entertainment had rendered my stay so pleasant. So, at the solicitation of my friends, the editor and the associate editor of the "People's Paper," I concluded to remain until the evening train. The interim passed quickly; and just here I will take occasion to say that never in all my peregrinations about terra firma have I encountered better regulated homes or happier families than are presided over by the editors aforesaid. Mrs. D.'s family, to whom many who read these lines have often heard her refer, are certainly a credit to their parents. Mrs. C.'s health is again fully restored, and when she is not engaged in editorial duties in the office of the NEW NORTHWEST, she may be found at her home hard by, enjoying recreation in the way of house-cleaning or other light employment for the comfort of home and family. Her four sensible daughters give ample proof that their mother belongs to that class of women known as "strong-minded."

After visiting under the escort of a friend the various places of note in the city, and enjoying several calls, I took the train for home, where in due time I arrived, and found everything in good condition; and now, as the shadows of Sabbath evening are settling over the earth, I sit scribbling these rambling thoughts, and recalling the many pleasant incidents of what will be a long-remembered visit.

Everything connected with the newspaper world—editorial work, type-setting, proof-reading, etc., etc.—has long held for me a peculiar charm, and this almost grew into an infatuation during my absence; so that I sorely wonder when I tell you that I drew more than one sigh as I deftly piled the dish-cloth or bustled about making the necessary preparations for the early breakfast, or ruefully viewed the small mountain of soiled linen that waited the Monday's wash, and finally resolved for the fifth time this day to put forever from me thoughts that are not of "woman's sphere" as handed down from the ages. The route from Portland to Salem embraces every variety of scenery, now wild, precipitous, and romantic, again peaceful and homelike; here the cars cautiously round curves, where giant boulders frown upon one hand and the beautiful river smiles upon the other; there they speed along through level and fertile fields, that already give promise of the golden harvest that is to be. French Prairie, at this season of the year at least, presents a most attractive appearance. The dark, undulating hills, creeping down to meet the lowlands, the low white cottages nestling at the foot-hills, or standing upon the green, broad prairie, the large and commodious barns, ready to welcome the harvest, the well-kept orchards, and good, honest fences, betoken thrift and industry.

I wonder not that so many persons seek the pest-ridden fields and frigid clime of other Western States to make their homes on the shores of the "bracing and breezy Pacific." Wishing for my sisters who, tired of the ceaseless routine of every-day life, long for a brief respite from its cares, a few days of pleasant recreation with friends, I am sincerely, CARIE M. FOLTZ, Salem, May 16, 1875.

NEWS ITEMS.

STATE AND TERRITORY. The capital commissioners paid out \$8,000 last week. The male school at Salem will close next Thursday week, May 27th. A claim against the State has a capacity of 100 dozen eggs per day. A large amount of wool will this year be shipped from Jackson and adjoining counties. Grain prospects in Linn are now excellent, as beds are doing well on the outside range. A beautiful nugget of gold, worth even \$200, was picked up in a placer-claim near Auburn, last week. Up to the 15th of April 300 men are reported to have left Sioux City for the reputed Black Hills region. A new Lodge of the I. O. O. F. was organized at Conville on the 9th inst., by D. G. M. Jay Tuttle. This makes three Lodges in Coos county. The Sentinel presents a few figures relative to marriage in Jackson county: 523 contracts have been made since the organization of that county. The various industries of Seattle and surrounding country are being invigorated, receiving a new energy from the improvement of the times already manifested. During the eight days ending last Saturday, the exports of lumber from the Tacoma mill were 2,101,000 feet, comprising 1,558,000 feet of boards, and 1,404,000 laths.

Mrs. Seiden, of Roseburg, has succeeded in having her dwelling at Coblescook, Wis., destroyed by fire at the recent conflagration in that city. The loss is about \$3,000. Insured for \$1,000.

Letters are frequently received at this office relative to our climate, soil, etc., etc., with a view to emigration to this State. We refer those desiring information upon this subject to a pamphlet entitled "The Oregon Hand Book, or Emigrant's Guide," compiled by J. H. Murphy, and for sale by S. J. McCurtick, Portland, Oregon. Price, 30 cents.

The woman protecting system is clearly and beneficently set forth by a Dallas correspondent this week. See letter on the outside.

Five hundred thousand men are now employed on the Centennial buildings and grounds in Philadelphia.

Volney B. Smith, son of Delano Smith, and for a brief season Lieutenant-Governor of Arkansas, has been appointed Consul at the island of St. Thomas, in the West Indies.