

NOTICE

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WOMAN'S CULTURE

To all thinkers in every age of the world it has seemed a patent fact that woman was not yet fulfilling her whole rightful work in the social economy. It is obvious, indeed, that the relative rights of the two sexes will be settled only when each enjoys the liberty of unfolding and exercising its own peculiar character, whatever it may be, suffering no obstruction or hindrance from the other.

But woman's capabilities and usefulness have not yet been unfolded to the extent, or in the proportion, that man's have been. Nearly twenty-five hundred years ago, Plato wrote in his Republic: "May not that sex which we confine to obscure domestic employments be intended for more noble and more excellent functions?" Should it not cause us to pause and inquire what and where all our boasted progress is, when it is found necessary at this day to repeat the same inquiry?

Yet this same inquiry is, in substance, repeated by every philosophical thinker and writer on social economy. It is the warp and the woof of many of the sound social judgments of John Stuart Mill and other thinkers of celebrity, and it impresses itself, even without the aid of philosophical reading, on every attentive observer of social conditions and progress.

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The whole doctrine that requires woman to be in "subjection" to man is a relic of barbarous ages, and it is falling into desuetude as rapidly as the golden doctrine of true reciprocity of rights and duties is becoming known.

We wish that our subscribers here in town would not be so fastidious and lean their papers so soon as they have read them. We notice that quite a number who, when asked to subscribe, say that they believe they need not, it is the easiest to get hold of it from some one else's paper.

The initial number of the West Shore, an illustrated monthly published by Mr. L. Samuel, was placed upon our table early in the week.

Calvin B. McDonald has resigned the editorial position that he has held for a year past on the Statesman and occupied a like position on the Bulletin of this city.

"HER SPHERE."

An exchange mentions the fact that, according to the last census of Great Britain, there exists in that kingdom 900,000 more women than men. Just think of it! 900,000 women who cannot, as St. Paul teaches, ask their husbands at home for any desired information, because there are no husbands enough to go round; and this in the very face of the tremendous fact that wise men so love to dwell upon, that the heaven-appointed "sphere" of every one of the sex is home, husband, and children.

The surplus of women in Massachusetts alone is over 30,000, and in view of these facts and this startling array of figures, we think it full time for those who profess to know all about the plans of Omnipotence, to explain just what these women, fixed by fate outside the sphere for which they were created, would better do. We have these statistics, which show beyond a doubt that hundreds of thousands of women must support themselves.

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The Lafayette Courier gives vent to the following sensible glow, which so nearly reflects our own sentiments that we publish it. We know whereof we speak when we affirm that the New Northwest is read by hundreds who do not pay for it, and that not occasionally but regularly.

Now, it is very poetical, indeed, to regard woman as an angel and man as her protector; but unfortunately everyday life is usually recorded in the dulcet kind of prose, and "what shall we eat, and what shall we drink, and what shall we be clothed," is the warp and woof of every chapter. The question is not one of "spheres," nor yet one of inclination, but of constantly recurring necessity, and sensible women feeling and feeling this, are determined to do the best they can for themselves, regardless of the sophistry and nonsense that declares them "unsexed" when following an avocation which they have proved themselves able to follow successfully.

There are few of our readers who have not at some time read with shuddering horror of the treacherous and cold-blooded butchery of Arkansas emigrants by the Mormons, known as the Mountain Meadow Massacre, in 1857. One hundred and forty persons were brutally murdered by Mormon emissaries, and the brutal perpetrators, as well as the instigators of the horrid deed, have all these years remained "unwhipped of justice."

In case the many dark things hinted at are proven, many high officials will be convicted of heinous and undivided crimes. If the results expected be achieved, the Mormon Church and its leaders must stand in a most revolting light before the world.

AN EXAMPLE.

We have from time to time for years past heard certain sticklers for "woman's sphere" decant, in tones of well-figured dismay, with deprecating gesture and countenance expressive of shocked propriety, of the coming woman as an office-seeker.

We sincerely hope that this woman may be chosen for the office sought, and by filling it with credit, as we are certain she will, establish a precedent that will be extensively followed, both in her own and our State.

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NEWS ITEMS

Astoria has celebrated the Fourth of July for 57 consecutive years. The thermometer stood at 102 degrees in the shade at Fort Yale, B. C., on the 8th inst.

Clackamas county has reduced its indebtedness within the past year down to \$8,736 28. On last Wednesday evening \$1,000 was subscribed to finish the Salem Methodist Church.

A large tree near Olympia was struck by lightning on Wednesday morning of last week, and set on fire. The farmers in the vicinity of Monmouth are busy putting up hay. The weather is most favorable and the yield good.

There are 2,850 children in Clackamas county who are entitled to the benefit of the school fund. The amount of the irreducible school fund apportioned to that county is \$1,092 98 cts, and \$555 47 cts more.

The new bridge across Pudding River, on the route between Salem and H. C. Geer's place, fell during its construction on Thursday. It was 300 feet long; this is its second fall; incompetency of the builder is the cause.

One hundred and ninety sheep were shipped at Olympia for Victoria last week, and 100 on Wednesday. The steamer also took 31 head of cattle at Tacoma on the same port, on Sunday night, and two car loads (about 300 head) on Wednesday.

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ROBERT EVERTS

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The public school-house at Ukiah City, Cal., was destroyed by fire on the 17th. The building cost \$12,000, and was the only public school building in the place.

A telegram from St. John, N. B., under date of the 16th, says that the steamer "Champlain," which ran on a rock at Saw Mill Rock, sank in fifteen minutes, and it is supposed broke in two.

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