

TO THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE O. S. W. S. A.

You are urgently requested to be present and aid at the fourth annual Convention of the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association...

You are further urged to present written reports of the work in your respective counties...

By ORDER OF EX. COM. OF O. S. W. S. A. Portland, December 25, 1875.

"YOUR DRESS-COAT, YOUR MONEY, AND YOUR VOTE."

Occasionally a woman, whose name would never have been placed in type had she patiently plodded in the path...

It is Mary Murdoch Mason who divides her sex into three classes—the giddy butterflies, the busy bees, and the women's rights.

It would take more weight than is carried by the name of Mary Murdoch Mason, or that of any other woman who selfishly enjoys benefits which she would fain deny her sisters...

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AN HOUR WITH CORRESPONDENTS.

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR READERS OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: After a brief respite from rostrum cares, behold us again upon the wing, our destination Vancouver, our mission peace on earth and good will to men and women.

A two or three hours' ride upon the snug little packet, "Vancouver," that plies daily between the town whose name it bears and the metropolis of the great Northwest...

Brother DeVore was on the steamer as we came over, and knowing him to be a professed friend of human rights, and knowing, further, that he well knew that we would never say a word in any lecture that would denigrate any church...

There is much complaint of hard times among the people, Portland being so near as to take precedence over Vancouver in business affairs.

Whisky and drunkenness flourish here, as they do at The Dalles, where several Pharisees control the churches, as one does here.

We left Vancouver, after four and a half days' sojourn among its many hospitable and whole-souled friends of human rights, feeling thoroughly strengthened in every good word and work.

For reasons that will hereafter be made apparent, when half-past seven came, we met a fine audience, not in the Methodist Church, but in Brant's Hall.

Miss Almira Knight, sister of Rev. P. S. Knight, of Salem, and a right worthy representative of her noble brother, presided at the meeting, rendered some excellent vocal music with a guitar accompaniment, and introduced us in a neat, well-chosen speech...

"Nearly two years ago the great church of peace on earth and good will to men and women, of which I have ever since its organization in this State been presiding elder, was holding its regular annual association in Portland.

Just as the clock struck ten, two or three bugles were driven up, and a few minutes after we were surprised to hear the tuning of violins.

It is impossible for me to give an accurate account of all that was sung. Suffice it to say that singing and songsters alike seemed to us almost divine.

Of the effects of such an entertainment upon us you can judge. All the sermons preached here for the last two years have not aroused as much feeling as did this strange, sweet concert.

It is well known that the majority of men in prison have neither pleasure in the present nor hope for the future because they feel that when the bolts fly back and they are once more at liberty they will be shunned of all men and women.

The audience, composed largely of Brother DeVore's congregation, including his choir, and all the leading citizens of Vancouver, highly enjoyed our plainness of speech, and grew very justly indignant over the pastor's selfishness and lack of Christian stamina.

It was our intention to continue the meeting over Sunday, but the ball, though comfortable in moderate weather, proved too cold for frosty evenings, and the third lecture, upon the "Bible and Woman," closed the present season.

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"YOUR TRULY" VISITS THE OPERA.

It wasn't the easiest thing in the world to do. The governor had taken one of his periodical spells of "contraction," and had positively forbidden the expenditure of a single dime upon the "women folks" for the next month to come.

Vancouver is a very beautifully located town, having an adjacent agricultural country of fertility and scope. Many neat and tasteful dwellings abound, and there are quite a number of brick stores and offices.

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CENTENNIAL GOODS.

We have been favored with a look through the room now used by Hon. A. J. Dufur as a depot for Centennial goods, and must say that we are agreeably surprised at the quantity and quality of the display already upon exhibition.

Oh, what an opera! The New Market Theater was well filled by the most completely "sold" assembly you ever saw, Mrs. D. Christian people were there who couldn't see anything "religious" in Italian mummery, trifled and rolled and squealed and snarled and yelled, as it was, in barbarous English accent.

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TEMPERANCE WORK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: Since writing you from Rock Hill, in Linn county, I have been laboring for the order in that and Lane counties, and have in that time organized three lodges and visited quite a number of others, which, with one exception, I found to be in good working condition, and exerting a proper influence in the community.

The lodges near here are doing well, and I shall be in this county for some days yet, visiting and instructing them in the unwritten work, and then make my way into Benton.

On the 13th inst. I received a kind invitation from Mrs. F. P. Victor, Corresponding Secretary of the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association, to be present and address the Association at its next regular session, to be held in Salem, commencing on the 8th of next month. I regret that engagements in the field will prevent my being present and participating in the work of the Association.

That every good work may be abundantly prospered in this Centennial year is the wish of Yours fraternally, W. R. DUNBAR, Creswell, Oregon, January 15, 1876.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: As the organ of the temperance people of Oregon has departed this life, we would be pleased to have the advocates of a twin sister principle publish a few items of interest to the temperance community.

The sweet repose of Camp Creek was stirred a few days ago to a deep interest in temperance by the arrival there of Brother Dunbar, who, ever ready and willing to do battle for this good cause, had braved all the discomforts of a Webfoot winter in its service. He delivered a telling lecture, after which he organized a lodge of Good Templars, which bids fair to do a good work in that isolated but prosperous and happy community. Proceeding to the classic precincts of the "Mohawk," he organized another lodge.

Hon. E. L. Applegate honored this occasion with his presence for a time, but before the organization the sage of the "Mohawk" had business which called him away. We hope, however, at some time not far distant, to have the assistance and counsel of our worthy and talented friend.

Having done what he could for this locality, Brother Dunbar came on to Springfield, to find Springfield lodge in a languishing condition. He went valiantly to work, and after two nights' lecturing left us, strengthened by his noble exhortations and pathetic appeals, and in the future we hope to show our temperance friends a better record of work done in Springfield. We are encouraged to hope thus from the fact that our people seem to be waking from their slumbers in regard to suffrage without regard to sex, and this principle and temperance go hand in hand. Reforms have had their opponents in all ages, and the present is no exception, as is witnessed in the case where the pious minister closed the church door against the editor of the New Northwest here on one occasion, and also endeavored to close the same door against the temperance people, but as the consistent part of the church members had a chance to vote on the question in the last case, they did as they would have done in the first—silenced Satan's representative even while he lifted up his pious hand in "holy horror." More anon. G. Springfield, Oregon, January 16, 1876.

The Amity Literary Society at a recent meeting, after an animated discussion, decided that the women of Oregon are entitled to the ballot.

TO A. F. JOHNSON, GRAND COM. C. R. C.—Dear Sir and Brother:—In accordance with your request, asking for information regarding the prosperity of the various Encampments, I would gladly state that Washington Encampment No. 3, C. R. C., located at this place, is doing well, and now consists of about sixty members. It has met with many troubles and reverses during the past, but the crisis seems to be over and a new day is dawning upon us, and I have no doubt that the future of the Order in this locality will be a glorious one, and that many true men and women will be found ready to stand up and fight under the standard for the cause that we have at heart—the great temperance reform.

Our membership is somewhat scattered, some residing in Seattle, others in Tacoma, and still others only a few miles from Olympia; yet these members are always punctual in meeting with us when the opportunity offers, and only regret that they have to be absent at all.

The work of our Encampment has been done in a thorough manner, and the officers vie with each other in acquitting themselves creditably, and so long as this feeling prevails we need have little fear of failure. Hoping to see communications from other Encampments, I remain Companion fraternally in C. C. H., P. P. J. H. MUNSON, Olympia, W. T., January 17, 1876.

TO W. H. ROBERTS, GRAND SECY. C. R. C.—Dear Sir and Brother:—While looking over the last issue of the Star, I chanced to notice a request to members of the various Encampments within our jurisdiction to correspond with the Grand Secretary touching the prosperity of the same.

I had just returned from a visit to La Creole Encampment, situated at Dallas, where I had the pleasure of assisting in the installation of the newly-elected officers. I also had the pleasure of meeting with the Encampment at its regular session. They have a commodious and well-arranged hall and a lively and energetic membership, and from appearances I should say that this Encampment bids fair to be numbered among the first in this jurisdiction.

Harmony Encampment No. 4, located in this city, is a bright star to which I can point with pride. She still moves slowly but surely along in the good work, keeping up her membership and weeding out the dead-weights who do not honor the Order sufficiently to meet its just claims upon them. It is with pleasure that I record the interest manifested by our members and the proficiency of those to whom is intrusted the management of our affairs. All have pledged themselves to work earnestly the coming year for the benefit and extension of the Order. I should like, were it at all possible, to visit each Encampment within our limits during the year, lending such aid as would be in my power for the furtherance of the good work. Hoping ever to have a good report to give of Harmony Encampment, I remain Companion, with fraternal regards, yours in C. C. H., P. P. CELIA A. WHITNEY, G. J. C. Portland, January 17, 1876.

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