registered letters.

CRIMINAL."

If there was any losulting, belittling expression dictated by masculine arrofurther open the eyes of women concerning their political status in this government, it remained for Senator James K. Kelly to give it voice. In essaying with wind of airy threats to defraud the more than 15,000 voters of the State who cast ballot for Dr. Watts as Presidential Elector-count them out and substitute therefor the minority, who voted for Mr. Cronin-this sapient and valiant politician, after racking his clared that "there was no more reason to give Watts a certificate than there would be to give a certificate to a dead man, a woman, or a person convicted of crime."

There, women, how do you like your company? What think you of the estimate in which your individual rights, capabilities and powers are held by this pink of chivalry, this same United States Senator who not long since scouted in public print the idea that he should have sent a dispatch in any manner referring to political matters to his wife?

One thing is certain: If a woman is equivalent to a dead man, then she is to all lutents and purposes equivalent to this Senator who has for a term of years been "a dead man" in the United States Senate-so dead that only those who took the pains to read the names when the ayes and noes were called were even aware that he was sufficiently alive to vote with the Bourbon Democracy. In fact, it has but recently become evident, even to his dearest partisan friends, that he breathed the breath of political life, and he would have perhaps continued in this state of somnolence to the end, the traditional "three days" alone conveying at the proper time to the olfactories of those about him the fact of his physical demise, had he not snuffed fraud and dishonesty in the political air, and this, acting as a powerful tonic, temporarily revived

"Women, dead men, and criminals." If there is a woman in all the land more utterly, entirely, and permanently dead politically than this aider and abettor of frauds will be after this breeze blows over, then she is dead beyond all possibility of resurrection-dead as a coffin nail, which Dickens declared to be the "deadest piece of iron-mongery known to the trade,"

We trust that women who have looked with Indifference heretofore upon their political status will be aroused by this new Centennial estalogue for womin, compiled and published by Senator Kelly, to a sense of their degraded and degrading position in the great world of motive and action, and join the vast array of noble men and women who needed not this taunt to cause them to decry the injustice that makes women with all their intellectual development and endowments equal only to "dead

"DAVID AND ANNA MATSON."

We received a few days since from S. R. Wells & Co., publishers, New York City, a copy of Mrs. Duniway's poem of the above title. It is a book of nearly 200 pages, printed on tinted paper of excellent quality, handsomely and durably bound in cloth, and embellished with a portrait of the author and numerous illustrations of the incidents set forth. As we have before stated, it was suggested by a sketch written by John G. Whittier, one of America's sweetest poets and most graceful writers, founded upon a fact that to all the weird fascination of romance adds the sad conviction of truth. It is the story of a man who, while yet young and full of hope, sailed from the shores of New England for the him upon the beach his wife Anna and her two bonny, barefoot sons. The weeks of his absence grew into months and they into years, and still no tidings of the vessel in which he sailed reached the wife and boys of David Matson.

After hope for the absent one was lost, Anna married Pelatiah Curtis, who in the course of events voyaged to the coast of Africa, and when stopping at the port of Malaga, chanced to come upon David Matson, who, just liberated from a long term of slavery among the to us, the latest date of the Oregonian Moors, was about to set sail for home. Explanations followed the meeting, and Pelatiah went back to David Matson's wife, while poor David remained away, sending by the husband of Anna a shawl for her and an old-fashioned bull's-eye watch for each of his boys. as Representative has met with, I might of Mrs. Duniway, a phrenological de-No further tidings of "David Matson, the lost man," ever reached the wife or sons, and after long years the former was laid to rest with the shawl, poor David's last metancholy gift, wrapped of the proceedings there gratified her of this journal, which will await the or-

These are the outlines of the story, and they have been enlarged upon and elaborated by Mrs. Duniway in a manner that cannot fail to arrest the attention of a large class of readers. The work shows evidence of haste and a want of care in revision, which is excus- State, made by the Governor and Secreable when the circumstances under tary of State at Salem, on Monday afwhich it was written are considered. These literary blemishes do not, however, mar the simple beauty of the tale, Cartwright, 15,214; Kippell, 14,136; Crowhich, with its tender pathos, cannot but touch the heart of the reader.

The price of the book in plain binding, with illustrations, is \$2 00. Full gilt, 229 \$2 50. We shall doubtless be able to supply orders before the holidays.

THE WATTS CASE.

Persons who have taken an interest in the late election, and this includes nearly every man and woman of aver-Agents will please take notice that it is a jty of Dr. Watts to act in the capacity the matter of the electors a protest had plea. brains for a simile that would be as degrading as possible to Dr. Watts, detial electors on the day previous when the following: it had appeared by official count and was conceded that each of the Republican electors had a clear majority of over one thousand votes, and they were surprised to hear from His Excellency that he proposed to delay the issuing of certificates until he could hear arguments in the enlightenment of electors. upon the subject. After citing the law, constitutional and otherwise, the counter protestants expressed a belief that an examination of the subject must convince the Governor that the attempt to law would be a violation of the statute and the well settled principles of the ommon honesty all unmistakingly inlicate that in no case is either Democratic candidate elected, and holding

> question, and submitted their protest against any assumption by the Governor of any judicial functions as unwarter and frenzy of those who seek to man from official life. make assertion take the place of argument and fraud to displace honesty, accused Watts of imprudence and audacity in asking for a certificate, and consumed the time until noon. W. W. Thayer, H. Y. Thompson, and Col. Effinger octrary to the expectation of many of the best men of the State of both parties, allowed partisan feeling to take the place of plain justice and submission to the will of the people, and refused to Dr.

Watts a certificate. The certified list of certificates, containing the names of Messrs, Cartwright, Odell, and Cronin, were prepared by the Governor and handed to Secretary Chadwick, who affixed his official signature and placed thereon the seal of the State. They were made out on a single piece of paper, placed in an envelope and handed to Mr. Cronin, who holds them, refusing to give them to the majority of legally chosen electors. The Hayes electors refused to act with the elector chosen by the Governor, and meeting, filled electing Dr. Watts. They chose Wm. H. Odell to carry Oregon's vote to Washington.

The bogus college was filled by Mr. Cronin by the choice of J. N. T. Miller of Washington county and John Parker of Linn, and Cronin was selected to carry the vote to Washington.

The excitement at Salem was, and still is, intense. The people are justly sunny land of Spain, leaving behind indignant at the attempt of the Governor and Secretary of State to set aside the popular vote. The end is not yet.

FROM LAKE COUNTY.

Hon, D. W. Cheesman, whom the Woman Suffragists of the State remember with gratitude for his fearless advocacy of their cause in the recent Legis lature, writes from his home in Lake county, under date of Nov. 19: "We are quite out of the world. The result of the Presidential contest is unknown being of the 9th inst. It was eleven days in reaching us. Our county seat bears ever be glad Tidings of liberty, when a person who knows how to use election resulted in favor of Lake View peace, and good will. (within one mile of us) by a majority of 61 votes, so I am fully vindicated in the action I took in the matter. My course Year as well as a prosperous one."

THE VOTE OF OREGON.

The official canvass of the vote of the ternoon, resulted as follows: Electors: Odell, 15,206; Watts, 15,206;

nin, 14,157; Laswell, 14,149; Clarke, 509; Sutherian, 510; Cure, 507; Scattering, 4. all its predecessors in size and embel- essays horticulture or vegetable garden-Congress: Williams, 15,347; Lane, 14,- lishment. The expense of issuing this ing. The first number for 1877 is at mas.

GRANT'S EIGHTH AND LAST MES-SAGE.

Shorter than is usual, rambling and ception tendered Mrs. Duniway by her age sense and sound mind in the State, people. In reading it over, one cannot publications: honored this man with two terms of evening by Mrs. Clemence S. Lozier, M. D., at preat tax upon us to pay express charges upon of elector has been raised, regarded with Chief Magistracy was entitled to more her residence, 238 West Fourteenth street, its much solitude the signs in the political firmness, statesmanship and executive way an opportunity of reading her recentlyhorizon that betokened his confirma- force in return. A conviction also published poem, "David and Anna Matson," tion or rejection. The fight which has forces itself on the mind that though to a select circle of friends. Among those who "A WOMAN, A DEAD MAN, OR A been brewing for several weeks culmin- the exigencies of war caused the name assembled to hear the lady were Dr. and Mrs. ated this week at Salem, as by constitu- of General Grant to be honored of his tional law it is required that the result countrymen, the opportunities of peace Stanton, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Devereaux Blake, Mrs. should be announced on the Tuesday af- have not caused the name of President | Charles Southern, Mrs. E. B. Phelps, Mr. and ter the first Monday in November of Grant to be written in the list of wise Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Helen M. Cooke, Mr. Gilbert gance and assumption necessary to each presidential year. In announcing and far-sighted statesmen. The mesthe result of the late balloting through- sage opens with a review of his adminout the State, His Excellency Governor istration and sets forth certain palliat- York Home Journal. Grover remarked, that in the case of ing causes of undeniable blunders, but the candidates for Congress a certificate history will be compiled from facts and at the residence of Mrs. Dr. Lozier, in behalf of would issue to Richard Williams. In events and take no cognizance of his

been filled in the office of the Executive | The status of American women who against the issuance of a certificate to marry foreigners receives Presidential press, being present. Selections from her new Mr. Watts as an elector. This protest attention, but for the political status of poem, "David and Anna Matson," (just pub raised grave questions as to jurisdiction millions of American women who are Kate Stanton, and Mrs. Duniway. Complicould in the meantime be investigated work out their own destiny in preferand argued. This protest set forth that ence to consorting with seedy English Watts was ineligible, having been post- noblemen or doubtful Italian Counts, real life, to Tennyson's popular "Enoch Armaster at Lafayette on the day of elec- the President has no thought or word. tion, that the votes cast for him amount- Congress is not "earnestly recomed to nothing-the same as if they had mended" to give their attention to the never been cast-and instructed the status of the toiling, energetic thous-Governor to issue certificates to the ands who compose the body politic, but 28 West Fourteenth street, the Woman 8 three qualified candidates having the to the paltry few who marry for title frage Society gave a reception to Mrs. Abignil highest number of votes. A counter and distinction, and failing to receive protest, signed by the Republican elec- either, would fain become wards of the tors, was filled on Wednesday, in which government. The only portion of the and C. H. Southern of this city. Mrs. Duniway these set forth that they were present message which, in our estimation, is is publicly known as a lecturer, and as the edat the canvass of the vote for Presiden- worth the paper it was written on, is

The attention of Congress cannot be too eanestly called to the necessity of throwing som and declaring the election of a President. Unfer the present system, there seems to be no any one State. The remedy is partly, no doubt

The compulsory support of the free school and the disfranchisement of all who cannot read and write the English language, after a fixed probation, would meet my hearty approval. I would not make this apply, however to those already voters, but I would to all beoming so after the expiration of the probatic exercise other functions than the purely fixed upon. Foreigners coming to the country ministerial one confided to him by the to become citizens, who are educated in their own language, would acquire the requisite knowledge of ours during the necessary residence to obtain naturalization. If they did common law. That law, precedent and not take enough interest in our language to a juire sufficient knowledge of it to enable them to study the institutions and laws of the country intelligently, I would not confer upon the he right to make our laws nor to select tho these views, they declined to argue the

The "farewell" clause, though designed to be pathetic, utterly failed to move us to tears, and we opine that the ranted by law and revolutionary. Sen- Republic, with proverbial ingratitude, ator Kelly, with the characteristic blus- will smile over the retirement of this

FRATERNAL CHEER

We remember, and it was not so long ago, that editors in Oregon who possessed the moral courage to come boldly cupied the rest of the day and evening. out in the face of obstacles with which The gubernatorial court adjourned at the New Northwest each week conten o'clock, the Democratic arguments tended - calumny, misrepresentation, and ridicule—and dare contend for the find the time," exclaims a weary political equality of woman, were few, an, weary with busy idleness, as she few indeed.

In noting the change in public senti- this article, and then returns with a nerment on this living issue during the vous movement to the execution of a past five years, we can now point piece of worsted work, the leading figproudly to many of the journals of the ures in which are a clumsy cat, surround-State as exponents of the principle of ed by impossible kittens. "Find it now human rights, where erstwhile not one by throwing aside that nonsense and was found. Inasmuch as it is both good resting yourself," say we. A glance, and pleasant for members of the fra- which being interpreted, means, "has ternity to live in unity, we rejoice at the woman taken leave of her senses?" the great change and appreciate the is the only reply, as the nervous hand kindly sentiments expressed from time sends the needle in and out, rendering to time by our brethren of the quill. Under these circumstances it is with the question. The time that will be pleasure that we give the following ex- wasted in busy idleness between this tracts from a letter from Brother Sut- time and the first of the coming year is ton, of the Ashland Tidings, to our read- appalling to those who see the necessity ers: "It is no idle words with me when of improving time and economizing can scarcely be called a season of happithe vacancy in the electoral college by I say to you that my most heartfelt strength for the realities that at some sympathies are with you in the noble period are almost sure to be the portion cause you advocate. Should I succeed, of all. There are, undoubtedly, seasons and I doubt not that I will, in establish- and periods when it is wise "not to do." ing the Tidings on a permanent founda- There are a vast number of small intion, you may count it as a helper to dustries that are not worth the while of the extent of its ability in the battle for persons whose life without them is full, right which must ensue between the but not overcrowded. Pieces of work present time and the next session of our | done at odd minutes we have not much Legislature. Southern Oregon is a good faith in, for nine times out of ten the field for labor in that direction. There time for their accomplishment is stolen, is a latent love for liberty in the breasts literally stolen from seasons that should of many good men and women which be devoted, with those upon whom life's will spring into action almost at the duties press heavily, to rest, and to useful bidding. Mrs. Duniway's torch could employment in the young and care-free. set the field ablaze and lock the gates of This trick of pulling out some implethe next Assembly against any man ment of labor, pen, pencil, or needle, at was beset by the adverse winds of forwho could not rise above the traditional times when other people seem content prejudices 'of the forefathers,' "

We sincerely welcome the Tidings to its place in the proud ranks of those who | have noticed-many of us have detected demand universal freedom for all who in ourselves. It is a habit which minare born to its fair heritage, and trust isters to impatience and fosters irritathat the hopes of its editor may be real- bility, especially if the bulk of the perized, the paper be established on a

The Phrenological Journal for December is at hand containing a portrait say, entire satisfaction, and I have received no rebuke for my advocacy of of her life. We will receive in a few Woman Suffrage. Mrs. C. is very much days through a news dealer, direct from pleased with your paper, and my report the publisher, a large number of copies very much indeed. She joins me in derofour friends. We will publish a new wishing you and yours a happy New advertisement, embellished by a cut, of "David and Anna Matson," to which we call the special attention of friends. The first installment of books has not yet arrived but they may be expected

> publication on the Pacific Coast, is be- ber. The price is nominal-only 25 edition will be near \$3,000, and the en- hand, is beautifully illustrated and eledeserves a liberal patronage.

MRS. DUNIWAY IN THE EAST. LET US TO CONGRESS WITH OUR We find the following notices of a re-PETITIONS

especial attention of our readers.

weak, this document is spread before the friends in New York City in Eastern peal for a Sixteenth Amendment, fur- vexing the dull ears of a drowsy man." from this thriving little city might be have, since the question of the eligibil- help but feel that the Republic that has A literary reception was given last Thursday frage Association, to which we call the prescribe, and preach about it? As is ers, I presume upon a leisure hour to

ture and portrayal of the lights and shades o

den." After a rich and abundant collation, the

ntertainment closed at a late hour, with gen

wishes.—[Phrenological Journal for Decembe

guests were Mrs. Mary P. Stearns of Minnesot

Mrs. Leonard of Chicago, and Helen M. Cook

itor of the NEW NORTHWEST, a paper published

in Portland, Oregon. Four years ago, she said

she accepted the pledges of the Republican

State that Horace Greeley was ignominious!

defeated. After the vote was cast, she wa

nubbed by those who promised her assistance

rows to woman's rights, as they had to ever

Democrats were not favorable to them, they

were at least honest. She called upon he

setts, who were supporting Charles Francis

Adams, and exert their influence for reform

Mrs. Duniway is in the East on a lecturing

our and attending to the publication of he

pic poem, "David and Anna Matson,"-[New

This last extract headed, "A Wom-

an's Declaration for Tilden," is some

what remarkable, being, in respect to

Mrs. Duniway's remarks, solely the

creature of a New York reporter's im-

agination. Mrs. D. immediately sent to

the editor of that great reform (?) jour-

ual a denial of the sentiments attributed

to her, but no retraction or correction

was made. She assures us that her re

marks upon that occasion were strictly

non partisan, as the occasion certainly

demanded they should be. To quote

her own words: "I made no speech in

any shadow of a degree like the one at-

tributed to me; said nothing whatever

about partisan issues, having all along

utterly refused to have a finger in the

A TIME TO BE IDLE.

glances for a moment at the head of

harmony between cat and kittens out of

ostensible way.

The extra Christmas number of Dem-

W. Jennings Demorest, 17 East Four-

Vick's Floral Guide is a beautiful

teenth street, New York.

"Pray heaven that I may some time

ther pledge given for a worthy object. If the

At the residence of Dr. Abraham W. Lozier

A. W. Lozier, Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Matilda Joslyn Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Bland, Miss Kate and Dr. Barnett. Mrs. Duniway's reading was equently interrupted by applause, and at a late hour a fine collation was served .- [New interests of the whole people, to do as gress. Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway's reception given much for woman as it did for the colored her many new Eastern friends and admirer lant success, some of our most prominent rep right-the full privileges of American resentative women, as also members of the lished), were read by Mrs. Dr. Lozier, Jr., Miss of conception, interest, and vividness of pic

power." The time has been so short since this appeal and accompanying petitions came into our hands that there has been and is little time to work. We will, however, do our best to place these pefragists throughout the State within the next ten days, and we earnestly urge every Woman Suffragist who receives a printed petition to spend one day in party to the cause of woman's rights, and did canvassing for signatures. Let those uch effective work in stumping her native head a piece of foolscap with these The Republicans proved unfaithful to their words, and go forth on the same errand:

> PETITION FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE. To the Senate and House of Representative tens of the United States, residents of the State Oregon, earnestly pray your Honorabl onstitution as to prohibit the several States om disfranchising United States citizens of

Let the names of women be placed on the right, and the names of men on the left hand side, written plainly (with ink if possible) and when filled roll up, mark number of names, and name of State and county on the back, and forward at once, as the time is short, to Sarah Andrew Spencer, corner of L and Seventh streets, Washington, D. C. It is necessary that all petitions be returned to Washington by January 10th. The National Convention holds its 8th annual session in that city on the 16th and 17th of that month, and a hearing will then be asked for.

After all the hard work that has been ione in this cause in Oregon during the past five years, we cannot now afford to be counted lukewarm. Let us, co-workers, work with a will, circulate thoroughly these petitions in our respective ocalities, and circulate them at once. By a little vigorous and concentrated our friends to swell with pride, and the countenances of our enemies to be hidden in confusion.

"OFF THE COUNTY."

A relative has at last consented to take charge of the old man. This relives the county

of a weekly expense of \$5. The record closes with these suggest ive and pitiful, if not pitying words, and dropping the paper, imagination takes up the broken threads of the fast unraveling warp and woof of a lonely, neglected, and perhaps misspent human life, and weaves thereof a web, thick and stubborn and hard with realities. Decrepit age, when attended by comfort and waited upon by love and respect, ness, for living solely in the past, with the misty veil that hides the future growing daily more filmy, and liable at any moment to disappear altogether before the faint flicker of spent human breath, cannot be considered happiness. What then must be the state of the person who, bereft of every joy, is thrown now upon the town or county, and now upon the grudged charity of a reluctant relative, for shelter, food, and raiment? Years ago, while yet the pride and strength of manhood resounded in his step, or made echo to his voice, the now despised pauper proved his purpose by his endeavor-endeavor that mayhap tune, the sport and prey of its fickle to be unemployed, and are busy only in tides, struggling, working, hoping, yet being pleasant and agreeable, all of us never dreaming of being, when age had county; never in his most despondent mood hearing the exultant shout that the commonwealth was relieved of an son's labor is brain work. It is said to expense of \$5 per week when "at last" permanent basis, and the message it be a thorough evidence of self-mastery a relative was induced to take him "off the county."

time has the sense to recognize when time is not worth using in any definite, heavy with the helpless wrath of tears" States; for unless it is secured everyupon a rough little wood cut that ac- where, it is safe nowhere. companies as an illustration Will Carleton's poem, "Over the Hill to the Poor- throughout the country to send deleorest's Monthly, containing 16 additional pages, a full-page chromo, and many tumed and scantily wrapped, bearing in mammoth petitions for a 16th Amendother attractions, has come to hand. In one hand a bundle and in the other a be held in abeyance to the sacred rights looking over this beautifully executed stick, looks wistfully back as she jour- of the women of this nation. The most and elegant number, we are impressed neys to the poor-house, to be put "on reverent recognition of God in the Conwith the idea that it is by far the finest the town." One can almost fancy the stitution would be justice and equality Eastern magazine in the United States, quiver of the lips portrayed as she rewhile its literary excellence is unsurpeats: passed. Send for circular and terms to

"But God will judge between us, And I will always pray, The half that I do to-day,"

In her last letter, under date of Nov. quarterly journal containing an elegant 19th, Mrs. Duniway says: "I start for The West Shore, the only illustrated colored flower plate with the first numcoming decidedly popular. A holiday cents per year-and the information it stop at Toledo for a short time; all detrobe, Pa., Pulaski, Ill., and, perhaps, number will be issued, which is to excel imparts is invaluable to every one who pends upon the times and weather." She will doubtless be home by Christ-

is still in doubt.

"WOMAN'S SPHERE."

We published two weeks since an ap- theme; is, indeed, as a "thrice-told tale, The Woman Suffragists of Oregon labored hard with labor worse than same. have, as is well known, petitioned our naught to set with mete and bound the In the past six weeks or two months, State Legislature at its last three blen- confines of the mythical something we have been honored by as high an nial sessions to grant to women equal called woman's sphere, yet their bounda- order of eloquence as, perhaps, ever political rights with their brothers, and ries, placed with infinite pains and graced any public rostrum in the State. these petitions have thus far been de- fondly deemed impervious to the perto represent the wishes and work for the wider by the invincible power of pro-

The idea seems to be prevalent among man, and by Constitutional enactment certain "sphere-shrickers" that women endow her with what is her inherent who desire an equal chance in the great race of life with men expect to gain citizenship. In the well-chosen lan- their point by pulling men down and guage of this appeal, "women are citi- rising upon the ruin made of their stazens, first, of the United States, and section, position and fortune. Absurd as ond, of the State wherein they reside; this belief is, we know men who hug hence, if robbed by State authorities of this grievance to their souls and make any right founded in nature or secured it the text of many a fireside lecture. by law, they have the same right to na- It is this phase of the question that tional protection against the State as causes so many women to wish they against the infringement of any foreign were men, so that they might do what they feel capable of doing without hinderance or ban. Appropo to the subject, we quote the following from the Phrenological Journal:

When we see that man is usurping the true rovince of woman, and doing work for which titions into the hands of prominent suf- she is better fitted, we need not hesitate to avail ourselves of any ever so small opening by which we may enter in. We need not wish to be men, even when stern physical necessity ompels us to undertake that which has hitherto been man's exclusive work, for though the strain be painful, it is really far easier for a oman to compete with man in his sphere who are enthusiastic in the cause, and than for a man to compete with woman in hers who do not receive printed petitions, Woman has great versatility and adaptability There are few things man can do that woman cannot, under pressure of education o roumstances, while, on the contrary, man out awkwardly adapts himself to the work that belongs by nature to woman. You may to use a homely expression, boll potatoes in your delicate porcelain-lined vessel, and hough frequent common use may burn and crack the porcelain, it will still serve to boll potatoes, while, if you attempt to preserve trawberries in the iron patato-pot, they will urn black, lose their delicate flavor, and be no

"CAUSE, FINANCIAL EMBARRASS-MENT."

Scarcely a day passes in which the melancholy death by suicide of some victim of adverse fortune is not recorded, the cause, "financial embarrassment," and the supplement, "he leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss," In disregard for once of the proverb that bids us "never speak ill of the dead," we cannot forbear expressing our unqualified contempt for a man who, because buffeted fiercely by financial gales, ignominiously retreats from life's battlefield, leaving the burden and heat of the day to be borne by one whom he has vowed to "cherish and protect," and depriving those who owe to him the cireffort we can roll up such a list of names and support. If he, in conjunction with in State legislation. It will take years the comfort and maintenance of the family, it surely is the part of a poltroon, to say the least, to leave the burden on her alone.

> Several cases of this kind have occurred in our city during the past few months, one of which was that of (as was supposed) "a staid, God-fearing man," who yet allowed this demon of financial embarrassment, or the vague tear of its possible presence in the future, to unbalance his mind and cause him to take a midnight plunge in the dark waters. This week another case is chronicled, and the "wife and four children" must take up and bear alone pov erty, overshadowed by the touch of ignomy that hangs over the death of a suicide. The one who should have striven with adverse fortune for their sakes having made hasty, rash, and irrevocable retreat, the dire consequences fall upon the innocent. It is not the cowardly suicide whom we commiserate in these instances, but those abandoned ones who had rightful claim to his perseverance, labor, and protection.

Washington Convention of the National

Woman Suffrage Association. The Eighth Annual Convention o the National Woman Suffrage Association will be held in Lincoln Hall, Wash ington, D. C., January 16th and 17th

As by repeated judicial decisions woman's right to vote under the 14th Amendment has been denied, we must now unitedly demand a 16th Amendpalsied his limbs, thrown upon the ment to the U. S. Constitution, that shall secure this right to the women of the nation.

In certain States and Territories where women had already voted, they have been denied the right by legislative action. Hence it must be clear to every thinking mind that this fundamental right of citizenship must not be left to Who has not gazed with eyes "all the ignorant majorities in the several We urge all suffrage associations and

friends of woman's enfranchisement house?" An old woman, quaintly cos- gates to this Convention, freighted with ment. Let other proposed amendments for woman. On behalf of the National Woman

Suffrage Association, ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, SUSAN B. ANTHONY, President, Corresponding Secretary,

MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE, Chairman Executive Committee. Tenafly, N. J., November 10, 1876. N. B. Letters should be addressed to the Secretary, Susan B. Anthony Treasurer, Ellen Clarke Sargent, 1,732 De Sales street, Washington, D. C.

Hayes' majority, 1,057; Williams' ma- terprising publisher, Mr. L. Samuels, gantly printed. James Vick, Roches- The result of the Presidential election been sent to that office and are being de- fairs or "enterprises" would be the ruin liberated upon by competent judges.

. LETTER FROM ASTORIA.

Ah, you say, this is a threadbare To the Editor of the New Northwest: Thinking that perhaps a few items nished by the National Woman Suf- Why, then, do men continue to define, of some interest to many of your readwell known, social scientists have long write a few thoughts relative to the

The political campaign, just ended, nied. Our repeated petitions having sistent assaults of woman's skill and has brought out and afforded us an opbeen answered only by repeated denial, power, have been as often so rent as to portunity of listening to the champions it is now proposed that the several require toil, sophistry, prejudice, and of both political parties, each of which, States circulate petitions to Congress, custom to fill in again the mural breach, as we have heard them in their able efasking that honorable body, supposed only to be again assaulted and made forts in behalf of their respective parties, we considered second to none in the United States. Perhaps we are a little, just a little, partial in this respect, but you are doubtless ready to agree with me that the partiality is pardonable.

Last-but not least, only in age and stature-comes Miss Clara Smith, aged fourteen, who delivered a course of three lectures, the first two being on the subject of life after the disorganization of the human body, and the third on temperance, all of which were handled by the youthful lecturer lu a manner most eloquent and profound, and one that would do credit to a learned, experienced and highly educated L. L. D. of the present day-each and every sentence . being most beautifully rounded and teeming with moral precepts most beautiful, unexceptional, and worthy of emulation. The third discourse, being of a very high order of thought and sentiment, was quite too brief to meet the eager demands of the audience, a circumstance owing to the physical indisposition of the lecturer. Although brief, the lecture was a living fountain of wisdom and love for humanity.

We have been, also, in other channels, enjoying a "feast of reason and a flow of soul," by being favored with a course of six loctures, clothed in words of eloquence, by Dr. York, who expects to remain for a few days longer ere he embarks for his family and home in California.

But of his lectures I will try to write more at another time. Suffice it to say, however, that he has been well received and highly appreciated.

Business of all kinds was never in a more prosperous condition than at present; and taking all things into consideration, I think we have good cause to feel elated over the enterprise and advancement of our little city.

A. STORIA. November 30, 1876.

LETTER FROM MRS. LOUGHARY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: I have just been conferring with friends relative to the appeal published in your last issue, and we all agree that the plan proposed is just the thing. Let us appeal to the highest tribunal, "best with the best," the superior instead of the inferior legislative bodies. By so cumstance of an unsolicited existence of doing I think "more glory will be won their rightful heritage-a father's care or less be lost." I have but little faith to break down the ignorance and prejureturn an equivalent sufficient to insure dices of the masses upon this question, before a bill such as was last fall proposed would be ratified, even if passed by the Legislature,

What we do in the matter under consideration must be done at once. If petitions were available, I am sure, with a little individual exertion from each Oregon worker, a well-signed petition might be forwarded to Washington be-

ween this and Christmas. Hoping the friends may see the need of prompt individual effort, I am as ever for the interest of woman.

H. A. LOUGHARY. Amity, November 27, 1876.

An inhuman monster who has so mistaken his sphere in life as to be a father. was recently brought before a Justice's Court in Salem for cruelly beating his laughter 14 years of age. The monster's name is Samuel Higley, and it is said that the details of his treatment of the poor child, as given in the testimony before the Court, sent a thrill of pity through the hearts of all present. A man for stealing a paltry sum of money goes to the State prison, but the punishment for the henious offense herein set forth was "\$20 and costs of suit." Thus, frequently, do men's laws protect the

rights and avenge the wrongs of the

Congress convened on the 4th inst. The opening of the session of the House was witnessed by an immense concourse of spectators. There were very few members absent. The Speaker's chair was draped in mourning in respect to Kerr, late Speaker. There being, therefore, no presiding officer, the House was called to order at noon by Clerk Adams, who called the roll of members. The call showed 249 present, the whole number on the roll being 288. Samuel J. Randall was nominated for Speaker by Cox and James A. Garfield by McCreary. Randall received on the first ballot 161 of the 246 votes cast, and was declared

A little daughter of Mrs. J. W. Jordan, of South Bend, W. T., was washed overboard from the tug "Gen. Canby," while crossing the bar on the 2d inst., and never seen afterwards. The "Canby" was struck by a breaker and thrown upon her beam ends, her doors and windows burst open, her cabin and engineroom filled with water, and her fire put out. The little girl was two years old, and was washed out through the cabin

A religious cotemporary, speaking of the labors of good sisters, says: "We feel like an enterprise is in safe hands The publisher of the West Shore some when the sisters undertake it." Yet time since offered \$25 for the best Christ- this same editor would doubtless feel mas story. In response, 43 stories have like a participation in governmental afof both government and sisters.