

NOTICE.

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

FINAL VICTORY.

Let us not despise small things if they but tend to advance our cause. Each victory, however small, will have its place in the grand summing up of events. Each trial of the strength of Woman Suffragists but proves that with united effort and determined purpose they can accomplish much; every victory or partial victory enables the workers in the great reform to struggle with renewed confidence, and to renew the attack upon the old citadel of custom with increased force and vigor.

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EQUAL RIGHTS DISCUSSED.

"Woman's rights" is being discussed in the "Home Circle" department of the Willamette Farmer, the opinions pro and con showing conclusively that women and girls in various localities are giving the subject thought. One young lady—and we should judge that she is very young—of Polk county says that she and her parents are bitterly opposed to Woman Suffrage, and that reading the NEW NORTHWEST has never made any impression on her mind in favor of "woman's rights."

And as she goes on to say that "every one knows that woman's ability is much weaker than man's," we are led to doubt seriously her having read the NEW NORTHWEST at all, as every individual number furnishes more or less proof of the extraordinary ability of women who have worked for years in political and social shambles. Her verbiage is, however, most apparent when she declares that "No lady who realizes what women would be in men's places could be guilty of advocating so absurd a thing as Woman Suffrage." While this young lady has been consuming time reading the dozens or hundreds of novels that she confesses to have read, older and wiser women have been not only theorizing upon this question, but have been demonstrating to their own profit and the satisfaction of others that women can fill with honor, credit, and financial success many of the "places" in years ago held exclusive for men, and working therein have proved that these things they can do, and retain all the sweet graces of pure womanhood.

In marked contrast to the sentiments of the person above quoted, we find a mature matron of Yamhill county stating her views in the same journal, and as the first shows inexperience and the narrowness that sometimes attend it, the second shows calm and discriminate judgment, born of observation and experience in fighting life's battles. She says:

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"YOURS TRULY" ATTENDS A PRIVATE LECTURE.

Yours Truly hadn't been to Portland since the visit of Camilla Urso. When she and Jim got married, it was under the impression that about all either of them was in need of was a consort. A few weeks of conjugal felicity dispelled that delusion, however, and left them painfully conscious that they needed almost everything else as badly as they needed each other. Jim doesn't like the idea of living on the governor's land, for one thing, so he decided to pinch and save, after the genuine New England fashion, in which he was born and brought up, till he could pay for a few hundred acres of beaver-dam that joins the homestead. Yours Truly didn't exactly concur, but she already finds having her own way as a wife an altogether different thing from doing as she pleased as a girl of the period. She soon set herself resolutely to work to hoard and economize in every imaginable way; and in so doing so materially assisted Jim that the land was bought and all paid for two weeks ago, but the deed, much to Yours Truly's mortification, was made to Jim alone, and so recorded, in spite of his professed belief in equal rights for men and women. And, would you believe it, Mrs. D.? He actually thought it was wrong in Yours Truly to feel annoyed over so trifling a thing as having her hard earnings deeded to somebody else without any equivalent whatever.

"My darling, you have an equivalent," he said, kindly. "Can't see it," replied Yours Truly, as she vigorously applied the broom to the ceiling, for it was house-cleaning time and things were in general confusion. "Why, haven't you got me?" he asked, with that ludicrous show of offended egotism for which the sex is always noted when the protected half of humanity doesn't exactly accept one of them as an equivalent for everything. "Yes, Duxey, I have you, but you have value received without my land, for haven't you got me?" Jim hadn't thought of that, dear fellow. The truth is, that men have so long looked upon women as nonentities as soon as wifehood begins that even Jim, who is more than an average man, can't see but that the mere custody of himself is a magnanimous reward for the life-long services of the very identical wife in whom, as a girl of the period, he could recognize the inalienable right of self-governance.

"Don't worry, darling," he replied, coaxingly. "You will always be provided for while I live."

"But suppose you shouldn't live, what then?" He hadn't thought of that, either. "Now, Duxey, look here," cried Yours Truly in her sweetest accents, for she wouldn't quarrel with the governor, much less with Jim, "what would you think of me if I should take some money we both had earned and should go and buy land with it without recognizing your rights as an individual?"

"The cases are not parallel," he answered, with a uneasy laugh. "A man is the head of the family—the natural head, you know."

"Then why, if he is the natural head, do men find it necessary to make laws for their own to enforce this natural law made by Omnipotence?"

Jim reflected a moment and then proposed that we go to Portland and equitably adjust our real estate relations by deeding the undivided half of a quarter township of beaver-dam land to Yours Truly.

Suiting the action to the word, or deeding so to do, we made the journey and attempted to make the transfer, but failed.

The County Clerk, with whom we endeavored to transact the business, informed us that a man could not transfer land to his wife for value received, for her services and earnings alike belonged to him, as a vested right, for which she could render no equivalent other than that which was his already.

Yours Truly was mad? Not particularly at Jim—the Duxey—but mad on general principles. "What is unpaid servitude but slavery? and what is slavery but unpaid servitude?" she asked, bursting into tears; and then the lawyers looked pityingly upon Jim and indignantly upon Yours Truly, and we went back to the hotel under a cloud of trouble.

"No other woman would make such a fuss over such a trifle!" said Jim, in an injured tone.

"You wouldn't think it a trifle if the conditions were reversed," replied Yours Truly.

"Well, they're not reversed, nor won't be, and that settles the question!" answered Jim. "This comes of reading Mrs. Dunway's 'Edna and John'! I'll stop that infernal paper and keep such notions out of your head!"

"Will you, though?" thought Yours Truly, as she went suppleless to bed, and Jim posted off to hear Dr. Brennan's private lecture to men.

Yours Truly was lonely and sad and mad. It was not that she cared for beaver-dams or onion patches. Jim wouldn't use the land for a dozen years, maybe, and then, like as not, his wife would only need a narrow spot in the church-yard. But it was the principle involved. It became plainer to her than ever before that man cannot see what equality and justice to woman is or ought to be, when law and custom recognize them as nonentities, and it was this that troubled her.

It was late when Jim returned from the private lecture to men, and Yours Truly, mad as she was, had fallen asleep. But curiosity and Jim awoke her easily. "What did the doctor say?" she asked, with a yawn. "Can't tell," answered Jim, with a great deal of dignity.

"Why?" innocently asked Yours Truly. "Because the lecture was intended for men alone."

"Well, I'll get even, for I'll go myself to-morrow," said Yours Truly.

"Not if I know myself!" said John. "Then you don't know yourself, for I'm going," and Yours Truly fell asleep. Having read the puffs in the daily papers, wherein Dr. Brennan was lauded to the skies as a learned, scientific, skillful doctor, and an elegant, cultured, and eloquent speaker, whom everybody was on the qui vive to hear and see, Yours Truly was determined to see and hear him for herself.

And such a lecture! There were not more than a hundred ladies present, and they looked lost in the big hall. But let that rest. It was one good sign, and the only one that he was not an entire humbug. Crowds naturally follow humbugs.

But the lecture proved a firesome and disgusting talk upon the natural functions of woman's body, of which every woman present knew more by instinct than any man could ever learn by study. He attempted a treatise on "mensuration," which, oddly enough, bore no resemblance to mathematics, and murdered the people's English at a rate that ought to write him down an ignoramus in every paper in the land.

Yours Truly has no doubt but the doctor can entertain men. But to try to cram such bad grammar and mixed logic down the throats of men's wives and mothers—fough! Women were there with wrinkled faces and aching backs, who earnestly hoped to hear of something to relieve them of their many aches and pains. But they heard never a word. Young girls were there, who heard such topics treated of as no girl should ever talk about or listen to, as it fills their minds with desire or disgust which should never be created unduly.

For two long hours we sat and blushed, the monotony of the lecture (?) being broken only once or twice, and then by Dr. Thompson, who said more, and betrayed more knowledge of the topic the lecturer was trying to explain in a half a minute than he did in the two hours.

Yours Truly advises the doctor to attend a common school for six months, at least, and take lessons all the while of some capable woman who understands the meaning of the people's English. He needs to be taught the meaning of "mensuration" before he repeats the mistake of attempting to teach it as a part of "sexual science." He needs lessons badly upon the agreement of the verb with the number and person, and should be informed that the "silly-brained" lectures of which he speaks so repeatedly in such extravagantly laudable terms are not misnamed by his pronunciation. In a word, if the doctor will cultivate the cerebrum a great deal more and the cerebellum a great deal less; if he will get that whisky out of his stomach and blood, and that tobacco out of his throat and lungs; if he will become as clean inside as he appears attractive outside, and will stay away from saloons and abjure all bad associations, Yours Truly will begin, after a while, to imagine that, having healed himself of his impurities, he may be ready to take lessons of Dr. Thompson, or some other sensible woman, upon the "Science of Life." As it is a subject very dear to the doctor's imagination, it would be well worth his while to prepare himself to teach in reality, as he advertises that he now does, though he fails constantly. Anybody, to read the Oregonian, Standard, Bee, and Telegram, after having attended one of his discourses, can see that the man who gives the lectures writes the puffs, and doubtless pays for them at so much a line, else so many papers would not miss so good a chance to warn the people and teach them better morals.

But here comes Jim with that deed. He has been out and made arrangements for Yours Truly to join with him in deeding away what isn't hers to another man, so he may get the man to whom we thus deeded it to convey the same to us jointly, for—consideration—one dollar!

Bless his heart! He doesn't mean to be unjust to his better half, he says, and, as she folds the deed and lays it away till morning, when the final transfer is to be made and the fiction of the law gratified, you need not wonder that his opinion of himself is heartily endorsed by Yours Truly.

The Phrenological Journal for May is at hand, and as usual is replete with articles of scientific interest. The initial page contains a portrait of Vice-President Wm. A. Wheeler, followed by a valuable dissertation on "The Evidence of a Soul," a disquisition of "Rhinozoology," from the German; the third chapter of Mrs. Dunway's serial, "Why Mar the Image?" a portrait and sketch of George Sand; hints on floriculture; letters of travel; well-filled departments of literature, science, and education; portrait and sketch of Friedrich Froebel, the founder of Kindergarten; department of "Hygienic Science," etc., etc., to all of which we cheerfully call the attention of our many readers. Price, \$3 00 per year. Address S. R. Wells & Co., 737 Broadway, New York.

There will be a Good Templars' picnic at New Era on the 19th of May. Members of the order deeded in regalia will form in procession in front of the post office at 10 o'clock A. M. and march to the grove on the hill, where there will be a basket dinner and speeches from prominent persons. The picnic grounds at New Era are beautiful and pleasant, and the people in the vicinity genial and social, and a delightful day will without doubt be spent by the friends of temperance who there congregate. All such are cordially invited.

The day to pray and fast appointed recently by the Governor of Minnesota was celebrated both by the grasshoppers and inhabitants—the latter doing the fasting and the hoppers the praying.

A FEW FACTS AND QUERIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST:

While the evils that exist in other localities and grow out of a one-sided, one-sexed government are shown up from week to week in your columns, it is, perhaps, well to glance occasionally nearer our own homes, and seeing evils that are the product of arrogance, and assumption, and foster immorality, be courageous in exposing and opposing them. It is well known that I, in company with other ladies, have been in the habit frequently of visiting our city and county jails. It is also well known that there is now serving a sentence for a nameless crime in the county jail, a woman whom it is certainly an act of Christian benevolence for women to visit. Repairing thither last week, as is my frequent wont to carry papers and flowers to those there incarcerated, and also bearing a message from a committee of Christian workers to the woman to whom allusion is made above, I entered the jail. I was shown into the presence of this woman, and in the kindest possible manner delivered the message which was, that she should better keep to her own apartments which were well-lighted and comfortable, instead of inhabiting the jailer's room, (where I found her sitting at her sewing-machine.)

I continued my round, leaving flowers and papers with prisoners, who, though merely awaiting trial, are miserably housed and cared for, and going out was assailed in the most ungentlemanly manner by the jailer, partly in the presence of the sheriff, whose appointee the other is, for advising the woman, as above recorded, to keep to her own apartments. Using language that would disgrace a baggio, this custodian of men and women culprits, alike, grossly insulted the women, who, for humanity's sake, have visited prisoners under his charge in times past. Yet this libel upon manhood is supported by the taxpayers of the county, women as well as men, and kept in place and power which should be filled by and delegated only to the most moral and humane by the acquiescence of the highest officer in the county. Can we expect prisons to be reformatory when so managed? And is it any wonder that women, in the name of morality and for decency's sake, protest against such outrages as are practiced within a stone's throw of their dwellings by men in high places? I would like to ask the tax-payers of the county whether humane and Christian women are to be allowed to visit the county jail, or are they to be insulted and kept away by the jailer?

DR. MARY A. THOMPSON. Portland, May 8, 1877.

P. S.—I found two sick prisoners lying in a damp cell with apparently no conveniences or comforts. Is this humane?

A SAD ACCIDENT. TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST:

A sad accident occurred here last Wednesday. One of our teams ran away and Frank McGibeny was badly hurt. His leg was terribly mangled, his right arm twice broken. Gangrene setting in, it became necessary to amputate the arm above the elbow—nearly at the shoulder. It was taken off last night and he is doing well. We trust his life is saved by this sad alternative. Frank was injured in his brave efforts to rescue his little brothers. He is the noblest of boys, and bears most intense pain with heroic fortitude. We had just entered upon what would undoubtedly have been a most auspicious and prosperous season. Frank was indulging in the brightest anticipations. God grant the dear boy comfort for his disappointed ambition, and I trust the way may be very plain for him to shine more brilliantly in some higher and nobler field of usefulness. Through your journal many of his friends may learn of and sympathize with him in his misfortune.

M. H. SAVAGE, General Agent. SUISAN, CAL., April 28, 1877.

YAMHILL COUNTY W. S. A. The Yamhill County Woman Suffrage Association will meet at Amity on Wednesday, May 16, at 11 o'clock A. M. A full attendance of officers and members of the Association is earnestly requested. Friends of the movement are cordially invited to be present and aid in the great work. Measures will be taken to circulate throughout the county the petitions for a Sixteenth Amendment, for signatures. Plans for aiding the work in Colorado will also be discussed, and it is hoped that we will be able to furnish help in the summer campaign in that State.

Come, friends, and let us reason together. Let us endeavor by the wisdom of our plans and our earnestness and activity in carrying them forward to enlist the aid of those friendly to the movement, and the respect and consideration of those who, for want of investigation, oppose us.

ANN M. MARTIN, Corresponding Secretary. Lafayette, May 2, 1877.

By special invitation of the New Era Lodge, I. O. G. T., Mrs. Dunway will attend the Good Templars' picnic at New Era on the 19th inst., and address the people on that occasion on temperance. Preparations are being made for a grand time, and all friends of temperance are cordially invited to participate in the festivities of the day.

We note the marriage at Walla Walla on the 25th ult., of M. H. Abbott, editor of The Dalles Tribune, and Mrs. Susie Sheffield, of the former city. We trust their voyage on the sea matrimonial may be pleasant and prosperous, and the copartnership equal in all things.

It is thought that Bristow will be nominated to succeed Davis on the Supreme Bench as soon as the special session meets.

FOREIGN NEWS.

An easy victory is foreboded for Russia.

Russian Consuls have quit Alexandria. The Sultan has resolved to proclaim a holy war. News of the English armament causes alarm in Vienna. England is briskly at work rendering her navy fit for service. The Turkish iron-clads are guarding the Black Sea before Odessa. It is stated that Russia has effected a loan in Paris of 100,000,000 francs. Russian pontoons for bridging the Danube are being rapidly constructed. The English Channel fleet, it is stated, has orders to proceed to the Mediterranean.

The French Benevolent Society of Moscow has subscribed 50,000 roubles for the wounded. The Russians have taken Kars and captured 17,000 Turks. The attacking army numbered 50,000. The English government has already 65,000 troops and 11,000 horses ready to embark at any moment.

England will fit out with the utmost expedition her whole fleet of turret ships. They carry four powerful guns each. The recruiting tests of the Greek army reserve has been completed. The class for men between the ages of 30 and 40 furnish 100,000. It is believed Turkey may still look to England for support. It is said also, that Austria seems determined to oppose the entry of the Russians in Servia.

Another insurrection of the Mohammedans of Tunis, Tripoli, and Morocco is imminent. The French government will soon dispatch a strong reinforcement of a fleet to Algiers. The Czar will make a solemn entry into St. Petersburg on Monday. While in Moscow he received a deputation of merchants and German residents, who presented 25,000 roubles for the wounded.

The press association announces that the war office decided that in the event of the English army having to proceed to the seat of war, Lieutenant-General Sir John Lintorn Simons shall be its commander-in-chief. Duke Nicholas telegraphed as follows: "The passage of the Pruth was retarded by an unusually swollen condition of the river. Necessary steps have been taken that the concentration of troops will not be interfered with."

RECENT EVENTS. There were 119 deaths in San Francisco last week, 11 from diphtheria and none from small-pox. Five new cases of small-pox were discovered in San Francisco on the 5th, introduced by Chinese lately arrived. The Attorney-General has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest of the murderers of Lieutenant McIntyre, in Georgia, by revenue defrauders.

An Oregon cattle-dealer, McCoy by name, recently lost \$5,000 in a confidence game in New York. His trip to Europe has been postponed. The pension agency at Portland, Oregon, is consolidated with the district of San Francisco, where, also, pensioners in the Territory of Utah will be paid. Advice from Deadwood of the 8th inst., says that snow has fallen there daily. Seventeen inches of snow fell in one day and night. Prospecting is retarded on account of cold weather.

The committee appointed by the Senate to investigate the charges against Senator Grover, to the effect that he secured his election by fraud, will start for Oregon the latter part of this month. The Secretary of the Treasury has called for the redemption of \$10,114,550 of the 5-20 bonds of 1865, for May and November. The call is for \$8,581,000 coupons and \$1,533,550 registered bonds. The Tribune's Washington special says: "Pension agents have been reduced to eighteen. The Pacific Coast will have one. The amount of salaries and fees now paid is \$423,000 per annum. The aggregate reduction of expenditures by the new system will be \$135,000. The number of pensioners paid through the New York City office will be 10,000; at Canandaigua, 2,000; at Philadelphia, 20,000; at Pittsburgh, 7,000.

The surrender of Crazy Horse's band took place at Camp Robinson on Sunday. The band numbers some 1,300 souls. The ponies surrendered number nearly 3,500. This arrival makes the aggregate number of Northern Indians who have surrendered to General Crook at Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Agencies since March nearly 3,600, and does away with the necessity for a military expedition the coming summer. Forty-three lodges of Cheyennes and four of Sioux had surrendered at the camp on Tongue River. Sitting Bull was on Dry Creek, north of Yellowstone.

A Canadian school teacher, Miss Dale, has settled by the payment of \$3 50 a suit brought against her for severely whipping one of her pupils, a boy seventeen years of age. This young lady should emigrate to some of the "rural districts" of Oregon, where school trustees imagine that it takes muscle instead of brain to successfully govern a school.

"Dull indecency" is what Brother Luce calls his comments upon "David and Anna Matson." It is scarcely necessary to add that his attack, so flippantly named, is not considered dangerous, as it is of frequent occurrence.

"Little Hawk," one of the chiefs of the northern hostile bands, recently surrendered to General Crook, wears about his neck the silver medal presented to his father by President Monroe in 1817.

NEWS ITEMS.

STATE AND TERRITORIAL.

Wheat sells at Albany at \$1 40 per bushel. Last month 2,628 immigrants landed at Astoria. A force of 600 men will be placed this week on the last five miles of the Puyallup road. Many lots have been sold at Tacoma recently. Seven new dwellings will be erected at once. Of the thirty-two medical students at the University at Salem, fourteen will graduate in June. The assessor of Clatsop will collect one dollar poll tax from Chinese this year, or try to do it. Grant county is the largest in Oregon, being 84 miles in width by 210 in length, having about 11,289,000 acres. During April at Roseburg land office there were fifteen homestead entries, thirty pre-emption filings, and twelve cash entries; total, about 3,500 acres. Dr. E. J. Dawne and wife have removed from Salem to Jefferson, where they will take charge of the "Jefferson Institute" during the summer months. Professor Condon, of Eugene City, with his class of Natural History and a few invited guests, started last week for an excursion to the top of Spenser Butte. Archbishop Bianchet is now in his eighty-second year. He is the eldest of all the American prelates, and has tolled west of the Rocky Mountains for nearly forty years. There are at present about 60,000 head of cattle roaming the broad pasturage of Grant county, which give an increase of 15,000 every year. Horses and mules number about 5,000 head; sheep, 15,500. At Oak Grove, forty-five miles south of The Dalles, there are thirty-five families, and good land enough, says the Tribune, for one hundred and fifty. Wheat averages twenty-five bushels, fruit does well, and grazing is excellent. A woman in Polk county who has been married fourteen years has never purchased a paper of pins, or needles, or linen collar. When she was married, her thoughtful mother gave her a paper of pins, a package of needles, and one dozen collars, and she still has pins, needles, and collars on hand. Officers of Milwaukee Lodge, I. O. G. T., installed for the present quarter by John Paeker, Lodge Deputy; W. E. Lambert, W. C. T.; Olive Young, W. V. T.; A. L. Keenan, M.; Cecelia Cummins, D. M.; Daniel Harvey, S.; Mary Ross, I. G.; Carrie Lambert, A. S.; G. W. Witts, O. G.; J. H. Lambert, T.; Ross Eubler, R. S.; Ellen M. Wain, P. S.; Clara Witts, S. E.; I. The Chaplain; John Paeker, Lodge Deputy.

The New York World contains the following notice of the nine lady graduates of the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women in April: "All wore black silks and wore natural flowers. The Faculty occupied the platform, and in their midst sat the venerable Peter Cooper. Mrs. Dr. Lozier made a congratulatory and historical address, and the graduates were then presented with their diplomas. Afterward Rev. Dr. Field spoke of the advantages derived from sending out as missionaries women with medical education. A valedictory on behalf of the Faculty was then delivered by Dr. Jas. Carnichael and one by Lydia A. Craft on behalf of the class. The audience then dispersed with a benediction."

Newburyport, Massachusetts, contains thirteen hundred more women than men. Still social scientists there, as elsewhere, have the effrontery to declare matrimony to be woman's true "sphere," and the irreverence to dub so large a class of God's creatures "superfluous," merely because there are not men enough to "go round."

The corn crop of the United States amounted last year to 1,295,000,000 bushels. The Methodist camp-meeting will begin on the Hibbs camp-ground, near McMinnville, on the 7th of June. A popular song among the Kansas and Nebraska grasshoppers is, "What shall the harvest be?"

W. H. Odell has assumed editorial charge of the Salem Statesman.

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