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**PUBLISHERS' ANNOUNCEMENT.**

During the coming year, Mrs. A. S. Dunway will be so constantly employed in public work that she will find it inconvenient to furnish a serial for the NEW NORTHWEST, so succeed the one now being printed. The publishers are desirous of furnishing an excellent story, and, realizing that the proper way to secure one of merit is to bring contributors into competition, hereby offer a prize of \$75 00 for the best original serial that shall reach this office by the 15th of February, 1881. To the second best we will award \$25 00. We will be the judges of the merits of the stories, and do not desire names of authors until after we publish the title of the one awarded the first premium. We reserve the right to reject any or all offers. The stories must consist of about twenty-six chapters, of not less than three columns to the chapter. We would prefer them to point a moral in the direction of the woman movement.

**THE COMING CONVENTION.**

Attention is invited to President Heroy's announcement of the forthcoming Convention of the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association. We trust that his suggestions will be met with a hearty response all over the Pacific coast. Ladies and gentlemen who will make speeches, write essays, or furnish vocal or instrumental selections for the Convention, are urged to contribute voluntary offerings or send notifications to this office of their intention to do so. The Convention is strictly a people's meeting, in which all persons favoring Woman Suffrage are equally interested. Doubtless there are excellent workers in the city and the country whom the officers of the Association do not know and cannot invite, but their presence and assistance are desired.

The times are auspicious for effective work. The wise action of the late Legislature in passing a resolution for so amending the State Constitution that suffrage may be granted to women, has placed the equal rights movement on a new basis. The best and most intelligent men and women are its advocates. Friends of the Convention, let us admonish you to be on the alert. Talk to your acquaintances about it. The work is in your hands, and it will be easy for you to make it a grand success.

The Christiancy scandal and divorce case affords a striking example of the "protection" that a wife may receive at the hands of a husband—especially if the wife is young and friendless and the husband is old and tyrannical. When Mrs. Christiancy claimed that she was a victim of marital cruelty and laid her grievances before a court, her husband showed that he could be inhuman by endeavoring to blacken his wife's character, though if successful the accusations against him would not have been refuted; and the inference is that he could have been guilty of inflicting physical punishment for what he might have deemed the wayward conduct of his child wife in fretting under his rigorous rule. He charged that his wife had one night occupied a room in a New York hotel with one Edel Giro, and the newspapers throughout the land circulated the report freely; but the witnesses on whom he relied to prove his assertion have positively sworn that Mrs. Christiancy is not the woman who entered Giro's room. It remains to be seen whether or not the papers that were so quick to blacken the character of the suffering wife will be honorable enough to "protect" her from further defamation.

L. B. Cox, editor of the Pendleton *East Oregonian*, has emphatically and repeatedly said in the columns of that paper that "no lady" wishes to vote. For his benefit, we append a partial list of the Umatilla County Woman Suffragists who reside at Pendleton—Mrs. Despain, Miss Lee, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Hexter, Mrs. Staller, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Sargeant, Mrs. Barger, Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Bean, Mrs. Nye and Mrs. Livermore. Does L. B. Cox persist in denouncing and publishing as "no ladies" these estimable women of Pendleton? If not, it is time for him to apologize to them and to their fathers, husbands, brothers and sons.

When General Howard assumes command at West Point, he will probably take measures to inculcate the idea that the sons of decayed and pauperish aristocrats who are being cared for and educated at the expense of the people are "no better" than the colored and other plebeian boys attending the military academy. No true American will object to his eradicating the ideas of caste that permeate the atmosphere of West Point.

A daughter of Senator Sharon of California has married Sir Thomas Hesketh, of England. It will be seen that even a small-titled Englishman is willing to assume the duties of "protecting" an American heiress.

**"SHALL WOMEN VOTE?"**

The *East Oregonian* of Pendleton last week treated its readers to nearly a column and a half of marvelous wisdom in negative answer to the question, "Shall Women Vote?" The verbose reply bears evidence of the pruning hand of some respectable person, for it is greatly lacking in the expletives and vituperation that usually abound in the paper's peculiarly original productions. Of course, like all the articles that are scribbled against Woman Suffrage, it fails to take into consideration right, justice and liberty, but is based on wrong, tyranny and oppression. Its author is fearful of dread results when each and every individual citizen shall be a sovereign voter. Judging all women by those from whom his ideas of feminine purity and honor have been gained, he groans aloud lest every woman shall prove a Cleopatra and every man a Marc Antony. Now, he has a perfect right to believe (though he should not acknowledge it) that he would be the suppliant tool of a designing "female," but he has not a right to imagine that all women would become sirens and all men their weak-minded servitors.

The astute essayist having proclaimed that he could see no "reason, sense, or logic" in the arguments for Woman Suffrage, we naturally looked for a "logical" solution of the question at his hands; and we confess that our anticipations were realized. The extraordinary reasoning of the remarkable logician proves one of two things—we cannot definitely say which—that his "conclusions" would be better without his "argument," or that his "argument" would be better without his "conclusions." For instance, he says he is not "opposed generally to all measures classed in the common category of 'woman's rights,' many of the provisions of that doctrine meeting with his hearty approval and support," naming property rights as among the "measures" he sanctions; but he is opposed to woman's voting and holding office, or to the only means which will enable her to safely enjoy the benefits of the "measures" he "endorses." He fails to inform his readers that the property rights of any class can never be perfectly secure, theoretically or practically, without political rights. He is careful not to state that a disfranchised class has no means of rebuking the givers of unjust laws and no power to choose representatives who will repeal or cancel the deleterious statutes. In fact, he enters not into the merits or demerits of the woman question, but evolves such predictions of results of Woman Suffrage as can only come from the brain of a believer in the universal depravity of humanity, and might as reasonably and logically deduce from his remarks that the moon is made of green cheese as that "the ballot would degrade woman," and only the "worst ones" would vote.

It is a work of gigantic proportions to teach an individual who cannot or will not learn, and we hesitate about wasting time with the editor of the *East Oregonian*, but we will call his attention to the plain fact that there is nothing right in his opposing his bugbear ideas of expediency to a measure that is unquestionably just and proper according to the fundamental principle of a republican form of government—the right of every good citizen of sound mind to a voice in making and enforcing the laws of the government under which he or she lives and which he or she is taxed to maintain. Furthermore, he should have some knowledge of Woman Suffrage as it practically exists before he assumes to denounce it and proclaim that all women who vote are "bad." This insulting and sweeping declaration must of necessity be made by a confirmed bigot, for no conscientious and reasoning person will assert that the property-owning and tax-paying women who vote in our school meetings are the "worst ones" of the State; and no truthful and honorable person will deny that in Wyoming, where women vote on all questions and for all officers, the results have been highly satisfactory, as the testimony of many prominent citizens, including Chief Justice Kingman, abundantly attests.

In speaking of the fact that the prohibition amendment to the State Constitution of Kansas was recently carried by 20,000 majority, a secular exchange said, and many papers copied its remark: "In all the cities and many small towns, the ladies electioneered for the cause of temperance in a most effective manner." We have yet to see an article expressing dissatisfaction with the conduct of the women, though some of the journals that have copied the above brief paragraph are avowedly opposed to Woman Suffrage. Do they think the mere act of depositing a vote is "degrading," while electioneering is perfectly proper?

A London dispatch of the 23d instant announced the death of "George Elliot" (Mrs. Cross), the distinguished novelist, in the 60th year of her age. She was the daughter of a poor English curate, but was adopted by a wealthy clergyman, who gave her a careful education. She studied with Herbert Spencer, and acquired great breadth of mental development. Perhaps her most successful novels are "Adam Bede" and "Middlemarch," the latter of which is pronounced one of the greatest works of fiction of the century.

In the four cities of New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Boston, the number of women exceeds the number of men by 100,942. In other words, the majority of the citizens in those cities are denied a voice in making the laws which govern them, and are ruled by the minority.

**A TEST FOR VOTERS.**

When the Woman's Deposit Company of Boston collapsed, and a large number of women were peculiarly wrecked, the newspapers of the country that oppose Woman Suffrage endeavored to make a point against the fitness of women to vote. The *New York Nation*, in particular, took occasion to preach a long sermon on the failure of the "women's bank," in which it promulgated a test of a citizen's fitness to vote, saying that it is not safe to put votes into the hands of a class of persons, many of whom can be easily deluded to their ruin by glittering financial schemes, the falseness of which any wise and judicious mind can perceive. The *Nation* and its class had been driven to the wall for objections to Woman Suffrage and reasons for opposing the innovation, and clutched at the Boston circumstance as a drowning man grasps a straw. Its long homily on the unfitness of all women to exercise political power was evidently inflicted on its readers without reflection. The silly article will now come back to it and its allies in a forcible way. The collapse is reported of an institution known as the "Guaranty and Income Company," which did business at No. 42 Broadway, New York. This was equally as palpable and flagitious a swindle as the Boston concern, and a large number of men are its victims. Therefore the *New York Nation* should conclude that all men, its editors included, are unfit to vote; but it won't. It will be dumb about its prescribed test for voters. Its rule was made for one particular case, and having served the occasion, will be seen no more in its columns, unless the Woman Suffrage journals force it to admit the silliness of its test.

Buckle's explanation of the decline of the spirit of religious persecution, was that in modern times faith had undergone an eclipse, and men could not bring themselves to persecute others into believing that whereof they were themselves skeptical. The inadequateness of this explanation of "one of the most striking social phenomena of our time, is forcibly shown in the *North American Review* for January, by Prof. John Fiske, who assigns a number of other causes that have been at least as influential in bringing about this most desirable result. Other articles in this number of the *Review* are: "Controlling Forces in American Politics," by Senator Geo. F. Edmunds; "Atheism in Colleges," by President John Bascom; "The Ruins of Central America," by Desiré Charnay; "Partisan Government," by William D. Le Sueur; "Popular Art-Education," by Prof. John F. Weir; "The Limitations of Sex," by Nina Morais; "The Mission of the Democratic Party," by Senator William A. Wallace; and finally, a review of recent philological works, by Prof. F. A. March. The *Review* is sold by booksellers and newsdealers generally.

Several hymns were put to a novel use on last Sabbath afternoon in the county jail. The prisoners are allowed to hold exercises on Sunday, and they lustily rendered several well-known airs to drown the noise made by one of their number in forcing an opening in the stone wall with a small iron bar that he had obtained in some unaccountable manner. Four of them escaped, Rawlins, under indictment for the murder of Kelly, among the number. A Deputy Sheriff was in charge at the time, and ordinary vigilance was exercised.—The escape will afford infidel newspapers a text for sundry remarks, as the criminals lustily bawled, "Hold the fort, for I am coming," Jesus signals still," while they were preparing to go.

Rev. Annie H. Shaw, who was recently ordained at the Annual Methodist Protestant Conference, in session at Tarrytown, N. Y., filled the pulpit of the Grand-street M. P. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the morning and evening of the 21st ult. She preached to large and appreciative audiences at both services, and was announced to speak in the Willoughby-avenue M. E. Church on Monday evening.

When Secretary Chase organized the national banking system, he organized the bureau with two ladies and one gentleman. One of these ladies, then a young girl, but now a widow, is still employed by the Government in its national banking business. The two most used sets of sheets, figures and reports made in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency are those prepared by two ladies.

Miss Dr. A. L. Ford, of this city, has demonstrated that young ladies can break away from the barriers that surround them, and successfully and profitably engage in the professions. Though handicapped by reason of her youth, she has favorably competed with older physicians, and now enjoys a good practice.

The annual Convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association will be held in Washington, at Lincoln Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 18th and 19th of January, 1881.

The Vermont Legislature has passed a bill declaring any place where liquor shall be sold or given away a nuisance, and making the keeper liable to fine and imprisonment.

On Tuesday, the city of Cambridge, Mass., celebrated with great display the 250th anniversary of its settlement. Longfellow, Holmes and others made addresses and read poems.

**O. S. W. S. A. CONVENTION.**

The ninth annual Convention of the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association will meet in Portland on Tuesday, February 8, 1881, and no pains will be spared to make it even more interesting than the many successful ones that have preceded it. The different county associations are especially requested to send delegates, and all others in sympathy with woman's enfranchisement are earnestly requested to attend and contribute their presence, work, money and influence in aid of the cause. Let all sympathizers who cannot attend the Convention send at least their annual fee of \$1 00 to defray expenses. Remember, this is everybody's Convention. California, Idaho and Washington Territory Woman Suffragists are particularly invited to attend and participate. Arrangements will be made to entertain all members who will notify Mrs. A. S. Dunway, prior to January 30th, of their intention to be present. Due notice of the place of meeting will be given hereafter. E. F. Heroy, President.  
M. A. Edmunds, Secretary.

**GENERAL NEWS.**

Christmas was quietly celebrated in all portions of the country.

It is said that there will not be an Ohio man in Garfield's Cabinet.

Severely cold weather is reported throughout the East, South and West.

President Hayes has decided to give Cadet Whittaker a court-martial trial.

Senator Sargent of California is mentioned in connection with Garfield's Cabinet.

Chinese employes in the Jamesburg (N. J.) shirt works have been replaced by whites.

General McDowell's trip East to vote for Garfield cost the Government \$1200 mileage and his expenses.

By a railway collision last Monday near Charlotte, N. C., on the Air Line road, several persons were killed.

The Ponca Indians will be satisfied with their home in Indian Territory when they are indemnified for their Dakota lands.

Quite a number of settlers have eluded the military, entered Indian Territory, taken up claims, and erected houses.

Dr. Edwin Hubbell Chapin, the great Universalist preacher, died in New York on the 28th instant. He was 64 years of age.

Judge Wm. B. Woods, just appointed to the United States Supreme Bench, was a Democrat before the war, but is now a Republican.

Four new iron ships, to be owned and manned by Chinese, will engage in trade between San Francisco and China about July or August.

At Newark, N. J., on the 28th instant, a bronze statue of General Philip Kearney was unveiled in the military park with imposing ceremonies.

In Chicago, 161,000,000 bushels of grain have been received this year, against 138,000,000 bushels last year. "The West is booming with prosperity."

A Trenton (N. J.) woman, Mrs. Johnson, was burned to death in her dwelling on Monday night, and her husband has been arrested for murdering her.

There is a split in the Democratic ranks of St. Louis, the independent faction being engaged in an attempt to get rid of the regular City Central Committee.

Chicago's Council has decided that hereafter manufacturers of butterfat, oleomargarine, etc., must "stamp their products plainly with the name." Penalties are provided for infringement of the law.

Conkling will probably seek satisfaction of Bayard on the floor of the Senate for the latter's statement that Conkling, Lafin and Jaynes shared in \$271,000 wrongfully taken from Phelps, Dodge & Co.

A severe storm has raged off the New Jersey coast for seventy-two hours. Summer residences at Monmouth Beach were damaged, and the porticos and bulkheads of some hotels were carried away.

Brooklyn Aldermen have undertaken to grapple with the Chinese question. They have adopted strictly class legislation to crush out mongolian laundrymen, ordering that only American citizens be hereafter granted licenses to cleanse dirty linen.

The exchanges in the New York clearing house this year amount to \$38,644,000,000—the largest ever made in any year in any establishment or city on earth. The exchanges in other cities of the country aggregate \$12,265,000,000, or one-third of those of New York.

President Hayes and the members of the Cabinet are said to feel very unfriendly to Secretary Thompson for his alliance with De Lesseps' Panama canal project, which is denounced as a fraud. Thompson's name is used to make it appear that the American people and Government endorse the scheme.

White Ghost, Iron Native, Dear Hand, Little Pheasant, Medicine Bull, Bull Head, Don't Know How, Dog Back, Bear Bird, Big Mane, West and Handsome Elk, are the names of a party of Brule Sioux chiefs now in Washington making arrangements to allow several railroads right of way across their reserve.

Reports are current that Mark Twain is a victim of attacks of lunacy. Once he imagined himself a deacon, at another time the editor of the *Hartford Courant*, and a third time the Egyptian obelisk (he was found standing on a box in the rear of his dwelling). The flighty spells are said not to last more than two weeks. It is probable that the clever humorist is playing a prank on the public. The idea of posing for two weeks as the obelisk!

Any ladies wishing to know of the merits of the Excelsior Kidney Pad, its action, etc., are referred to Mrs. Wm. E. McKecknie, Photograph Parlors, Toledo, Ohio. See adv.

Jay D. Dunning, clerk, Wabash Shops, Toledo, Ohio, says: "I am now wearing an 'Only Lung Pad,' and it has afforded me almost instant relief from asthma. See adv."