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PASSED INTO HISTORY.

The ninth annual Convention of the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association has passed into history. Its members, excepting the proprietors of this journal, have for the most part returned to the pursuit of their personal interests, leaving the NEW NORTHWEST, as in the past, to hold the fort and carry on the work till the appointed time for the next Convention. The meeting has been a popular, social and financial success. The counties of Clatsop, Clackamas, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Wasco and Yamhill were represented, and letters were read from officers and members of Woman Suffrage societies and prominent citizens of Baker, Benton, Grant, Lane, Umatilla and Union counties. The sessions, twelve in all, were not numerous enough or long enough to give opportunity for all speakers, essayists, vocalists and elocutionists to be heard, and many who came prepared to assist were compelled to postpone their efforts till another meeting. The officers express deep regret at this, but hope to hold a longer session in October, and give all who will assist an opportunity to be heard.

Looking back over the events of the past two weeks, and thinking of the labor required to inaugurate the Convention and carry it to completion, the NEW NORTHWEST remembers with feelings of gratitude and cordially commends the efficient work of Mrs. J. DeVore Johnson, the good-natured acquiescence and ready help of Mrs. M. A. Edmunds, the untiring patience of Mr. E. F. Heroy, the indefatigable and successful labor of Mrs. M. A. Dalton, and the genial, acceptable help of Mrs. E. A. Corwin, Miss S. J. Thacker, Mrs. E. H. Rook, Mrs. M. C. Cline, Mrs. M. S. Smith, Mrs. L. L. Lewis, Mrs. E. C. LeFevre, Mrs. A. E. Torrey, Mrs. J. A. Johns, Mrs. Flora McKinney, Mrs. Nancy Hembree, Mrs. T. W. Davenport, Mrs. M. J. Foster, Mrs. Emma Laughlin, Mrs. P. A. Logan, Mrs. C. A. Coburn, Miss Maggie Foster, Miss Lou Duncan, Miss Ellen Scott, and many others. We also recall with pleasure the able speeches of Revs. J. A. Gray, J. A. Cruzan, H. K. Hines, C. E. Lambert, T. L. Elliot and J. H. Acton; of Hons. J. F. Caples, T. W. Davenport and W. Cary Johnson; of Messrs. T. M. Draper, J. F. D'Arcy, Dean Clarke and Geo. P. Riley; of Mesdames H. A. Loughary and M. A. Thompson. Among the musicians who deserve special mention are Miss Dora McCord, who handles the violin with marvelous skill; Miss Nellie Waltz, who accompanies her on the piano, and plays equally well; Mrs. Goodsell, who never fails to please; Dr. O. B. Bird with his "crystalline," or "music of the spheres"; Mrs. Dr. Bird, who is always a favorite vocalist; Professor Warren, whose clear tenor will never be forgotten; Miss Kate Freeman, Miss Nora Wilson, Mr. McClaire, and Misses Hersey and Cooke.

Rev. J. A. Gray, who made the opening speech of the first evening, after the address of welcome, is a powerful speaker, magnetic, humorous and eloquent. Rev. J. A. Cruzan is persuasive in style and argumentative in speech. He is a Woman Suffragist, though he does not believe in unqualified suffrage. His remarks gave rise to a great deal of discussion. Rev. H. K. Hines is a cultured and convincing speaker. Professor C. E. Lambert is comprehensive, studious and scholarly. Rev. T. L. Elliot is suave, pleasing and logical. Hon. J. F. Caples is enthusiastic and argumentative. Mr. T. M. Draper is a young gentleman of great promise. He should be kept in the field by the Association as a campaign speaker. Hon. W. Cary Johnson made a brilliant speech. He made some clever hits at Mr. Cruzan, at which some of the latter gentleman's friends took offense, which was wholly unnecessary, as the reverend gentleman is amply able to take care of his own arguments; or, if he finds them untenable, no man is more ready than he to abandon them. Mr. Geo. P. Riley made one of the best speeches of the Convention. This gentleman always commands a delighted hearing. But, peerless among them all, stands Mrs. H. A. Loughary, whose fame will always be coextensive with her works. Argumentative, eloquent, persuasive and earnest, she captivates her audiences and carries everything by the power of her logic.

The Convention has passed into history, but its work will live on. And the NEW NORTHWEST, as the standard-bearer of the Association, takes new courage as it begins anew its yearly struggle for the triumph of human rights.

Miss Lizzie Sargent, daughter of ex-Senator Sargent of California, has been regularly admitted as a member of the medical profession in San Francisco. She is a graduate of the Medical College of the Pacific.

THE INVENTIONS OF WOMEN.

Men often carelessly and thoughtlessly assert that women never invent anything. Examination of the records of the Patent Office will prove the falsity of the assertion. It will be found that the number of patents issued to women during the year ending July, 1880, was seventy, or ten more than the average. Most of the inventions of women are household appliances. Among the past year's are a jar-lifter, a bag-holder, a pillow-sham holder, a dress-protector, two dust-pans, a washing-machine, a fluting-iron, a dress-chart, a fish-boner, a sleeve-adjuster, a lap-table, a sewing-machine treadle, a wash-basin, an iron-heater, sard-irons, a folding chair, a wardrobe bed, a weather strip, a churn, an invalid's bed, a strainer, a milk-cooler, a sofa bed, a dipper, a paper dish, and a plaiting device. Thus it will be seen that women, as well as men, develop inventive powers under the pressure of necessity; and it is safe to predict that when they enter prominently into trades and occupations they will evolve many great inventions, brought forth by new associations and observations.

The New York Times speaks as follows of the inventive genius of women:

The feminine mind is, as a rule, quicker than the masculine mind; it takes hints and sees defects which would escape the average man's attention, particularly in all domestic utensils. The beginning of everything is an idea; but they who have ideas are often incapable of giving them material form. Women frequently carry the germs of patents in their heads, and cause some rude machine containing the germ to be constructed which serves their purpose. If they were men, they would, in all likelihood, have applied for patents, and in a proportion of cases have obtained them. But women seldom think of getting any profit out of her ideas or from her ordinary labor, her whole and only aim being to lessen the trouble and friction of her work. In many of the farm-houses of the country, especially in those of New England, divers improvements have been made in culinary and other utensils through the suggestions of women—suggestions that should have been patented. If women would fix their minds to inventions, it is entirely probable that they would distinguish themselves in that line far more than they have done hitherto.

Bachelors are generally the loudest and most foolish of the declaimers about "woman's sphere as a wife and mother." They wish women to be "supported and protected," but they singularly fail to enter the ranks of the "supporters and protectors." They are opposed to seeing "glinging vines," who might be "queens of hearts and homes," "go out into the cold, cruel world." Perhaps the reason is that they fear their chances for marital happiness will grow even lighter than under the present regime, as girls prefer an independent livelihood to the crusty charity generally accorded by renegade old bachelors to their wives. Delaware's bachelor Senator, Saulsbury, recently said, after listening to a lecture by Miss Phoebe Cousins, the St. Louis lawyer: "She is pretty and talented, but she had better be taking care of some good man's house, adorning woman's proper sphere as a wife and mother." Women need not wonder that their cause makes little progress in the National Legislature while it contains members who (themselves not husbands and fathers) hold that women should be nothing but wives and mothers; that genius and talent in women should be hidden; that, no matter how great a woman's abilities for a lawyer or doctor, and how meager her qualifications for a cook or house-keeper, she should be in the latter callings.

The Rev. Edward Cowley, of "The Shepherd's Fold" notoriety, who was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in the penitentiary and a fine of \$250, has been released from prison, his friends paying the fine. This was better than to have the fine remitted, especially since the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is to have the benefit of the money. By the terms of his sentence, Mr. Cowley was to be kept in confinement after the time of his imprisonment expired one day for every dollar fined, until the fine be paid; but, happily, the price of his cruelty to children will go to prevent the same at the hands of others. An ecclesiastical tribunal will now take up Mr. Cowley's case, with the idea of having him deposed from the ministry.

Governor Neil, of Idaho, is thoroughly awake to the evils of Mormonism and alive to the necessity of devising means for the suppression of polygamy; but the late Territorial Legislature did not share his alarm. In his annual message, at the opening of the session, he spoke plainly about the criminal practices of the "Saints" in Idaho, and at another time made their misdoings the subject of a special communication, earnestly urging the passage of statutes for destroying their blighting power and checking their nefarious operations; but the Legislature adjourned without taking notice of his recommendations. It seems that polygamy will never be put down until woman gets the ballot.

The National Woman Suffrage Association, which held its thirteenth annual Convention in Lincoln Hall, Washington, commencing on January 18th, was in session through three days and evenings. Further particulars will appear in this journal next week.

On Saturday last, Mr. J. F. Atkinson commenced the publication of the *Evening Chronicle*, a bright, newsy sheet. It is worthy of support, and we wish it success.

A starling paper in a suburban town "informs" that the NEW NORTHWEST has "noticed it." Mistaken, as usual. Our space is too valuable.

UMATILLA COUNTY SUFFRAGISTS.

From Pendleton exchanges, it is gleaned that, pursuant to announcement, the Umatilla County Woman Suffrage Association met at the Court House in that city on Tuesday evening, February 1, 1881, Mrs. Eugenie Despain in the chair.

The object of the meeting was briefly stated by the President, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Miss Josie Lee.

The exercises of the evening were commenced with an address by D. M. Conley, which was very eloquent and to the point.

Mr. G. W. Walker delivered a short address, and Mannen Willis gave a reading.

Mrs. Arnold then read an essay, which is described as "splendid."

Misses Josie Lee and Vie Despain gave select readings.

Twelve names were added to the roll of membership.

A committee of three was appointed to arrange a programme for the next meeting.

Excellent music was furnished at intervals during the evening, and the readings were good and thoroughly appreciated by the audience.

Following is the roll of membership of the society: J. Despain, J. S. Statler, Mrs. J. S. Statler, M. J. Hall, G. W. Walker, Susie Despain, Vie Despain, Mrs. S. Seeley, J. H. Turner, Mannen Willis, T. F. Howard, D. M. Conley, Mrs. Maggie Arnold, Mrs. S. D. Doran, Mrs. C. Hexter, Miss Sallie Gilchrist, R. Sargent, Isaac Blum, Mrs. A. Matlock, W. C. Bidwell, Sophia Moran, J. H. Carey, Mrs. Eugenie Despain, Miss Josie Lee.

The case of John W. Young, son of Brigham, serves to illustrate the "happiness" which is the lot of the wife of a polygamist. On Monday evening he was arrested at Denver, Col., in accordance with telegraphic instructions from Salt Lake, where he has been indicted for bigamy, presumably at the instigation of his wife, a Philadelphia lady of high social position, who married him under his solemn pledge that he would never practice polygamy. Three years ago he broke the pledge and had "sealed" to himself a beautiful sixteen-year-old girl. His wife immediately left him. She could not live with him in degradation. She had tasted of the gall and wormwood which is ever pressed to the lips of a loving wife who is called upon to share her husband's affections with another, and she fled from him rather than continually quaff the draught of bitterness.

Dr. Charles Roberts, in a paper on the hereditary transmission of physical and mental qualities, decidedly expresses the opinion that persons living under very similar conditions of life should not marry. "A literary man should not wed a literary woman, nor a tailor a seamstress; and the same rule should apply to persons of the same temperament and physiques. The immense trouble, so to speak, which nature has taken to secure cross-fertilization in the lower races of animals and plants should guide man in his selection of a partner." The evils arising, or transmitted and intensified, from the union of persons under like conditions of life, are declared similar to those which spring from the marriage of men and women closely related by blood.

One of the NEW NORTHWEST's staunch friends in Jacksonville forwards a copy of the *Sentinel* of the 5th instant, which, after announcing the meeting of the Convention of the State Woman Suffrage Association, says: "We hear it whispered that Mr. Autenrieth will not represent Jackson county in the Convention." It is well for Mr. Autenrieth that he did not attempt to "represent Jackson county" in the Convention, for the police force of Portland cannot be intimidated by hired boys as were the officers in Salem when he was master of the "opposition" to the ladies' ratification meeting there.

The San Jose *Mercury*, which has ever been an advocate of practical education in schools, reports that it has had the aid of Professor J. G. Kennedy, Principal of the High School, in urging upon the Board of Education the propriety of introducing the use of the needle in the public schools for the benefit of girls, and that a majority of the members have heartily consented to the arrangement. As soon as practicable, the good work will be inaugurated.

Mrs. Porter, of Baltimore, has petitioned the United States Government for a pension as a "Mexican veteran." She was enlisted in a regiment in the Mexican war, and served as a nurse until it was disbanded, when she was formally mustered out of the service.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Mary A. Stuart recently had a hearing before both Houses of the Delaware Legislature on a pending bill to strike the word "male" from the State Constitution. The fate of the bill has not yet been learned.

In the report of the Woman Suffrage Convention as printed in the last NEW NORTHWEST, the initials of Mr. D'Arcy, one of the best speakers, were given as "P. H." instead of "J. F."

The *Astorian* is a fair and honorable journal. If it opens its columns to a criticism, it will print a reply, provided it be decent, courteous and not of unreasonable length.

DEATH OF DR. HAWTHORNE.

Dr. J. C. Hawthorne, known and respected throughout Oregon, has passed beyond the veil to the silent shades of the better land. On Saturday last, in East Portland, he was stricken with paralysis, and on Tuesday merciful Death released his spirit with but little suffering. Dr. Hawthorne had been the Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane for years. His many patients obeyed and loved him; and many are they who have been cured of minds diseased by his skill and kindness. Where shall the unfortunates find another like him? But not alone among these will his cheery presence be missed. His friends everywhere mourn for him. They have laid away his remains in the silent shadows of Lone Fir Cemetery, but his memory will be kept green in the hearts of his friends, and his spirit, awakened to a new existence, shall go marching on in the trackless paths of eternity. Good friend, true philanthropist, hail and farewell!

Sixteen working women, most of them mere girls, got judgment in a New York police court recently against Mark G. Gillette and H. Blanchard for their wages in manufacturing "campaign equipments" for the firm of Gillette & Co., which these persons constituted. They recover under a special statute whose passage was the result of the labors of several prominent citizens, and which in itself and by subsequent amendments renders an employer of women in New York City liable to imprisonment for fifteen days in each case, in addition to costs of court, unless the arrears of wages be paid.

Miss Frances E. Willard, discoursing on the temperance ballot for woman, says: "Nothing worse can happen to women at the polls than has been endured by the hour on the part of the conservative women of the churches in this land, as they, in scores of towns, have plead with rough, half-drunken men to vote the temperance tickets they have handed them, and which, with vastly more of propriety and fitness, they might have dropped into the box themselves."

The Harvard students are getting greatly exercised over their "Annex." The girls are encroaching by degrees in more than one way. The boys begin to be suspicious that it is something beside frizzes and bangs that is revolutionizing the college. The Professors are learning that the girls are endowed with brains, and are gradually giving them greater facilities to cultivate their gifts.

From the *Telegram* of Tuesday last: "The Woman Suffrage Convention in this city last week was the most successful in point of attendance and interest ever held in Oregon. The friends of the cause propose to carry the Constitutional Amendment through the next Legislature."

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Irish party in the British House of Commons is disorganized and demoralized.

Russia fears American competition in the grain trade, and will allow no increase in duty on jute sacks.

On Monday, Hanlan, the Canadian, easily defeated Laycock, the Australian champion oarsman, over the Thames course.

Chilians are in full control of Lima, and the army of Peru is utterly demoralized. President Pierola has fled to the interior.

If the United States returns to a bi-metallic system, Bismarck will support the representation of Germany in a monetary conference.

A democratic banquet in Madrid on Friday evening was undisturbed until a revolutionary toast was proposed, when a government commissary requested the guests to disperse. Two arrests were made.

Patrick Egan, of the Irish Land League, telegraphs that, at a full meeting of the Executive Committee of the League, "arrangements were made to carry on the work of the Land League. In all eventualities there will be no flinching. The organization in Ireland is well, high perfect. The people are of one mind and one spirit."

The marriage of Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Ashmead Bartlett has at last been consummated, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. C. Cardinell in the Chapel Royal. Previous to the marriage, Mr. Bartlett assumed the name of Burdett-Coutts before his own surname, in accordance with the will of the Duchess of St. Albans.

Land Leaguers are advised by the nationalist press not to leave Ireland, but to stand fast, as their flight would give more satisfaction to the Government than their arrest. Their kindred and sympathizers in America, who have contributed largely toward land league funds, will naturally not be pleased with anything like a stampede from Ireland to escape from tyranny.

Although waging an expensive war with Peru, Chili is said to be in a flourishing condition. Last year's wheat crop was very fine, and her exports for 1880 exceeded those of any previous year. In 1879, the products of her mines amounted to \$26,248,731, which is more than the mineral productions of California for the same time, and her agricultural products were valued at \$12,000,000. Over 1,070,800 quintals of nitrates were exported.

Parnell has written a long letter to the members of the Land League in reply to their written request that he should visit America to secure aid and cooperation. He declines to go to America, and will remain at his post in the British Parliament. He says if the Leaguers stand their ground, the Irish-American people will help them; but if they flinch and leave for other countries, the practical aid of the people of the United States will be withdrawn. He urges upon the tenant farmers the necessity of firmly adhering to the stand they have taken.