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MRS. DENIWAY AT THE DALLES—GRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS OF SCENERY.

WASCO COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION—DESPERATION OF ENEMIES.

THE DALLES, April 18, 1881.

Dear friends of the New Northwest: Here we wish you could all be transplanted to this beautiful Eastern Columbia River region...

First in the order of mechanical enterprises which the Dalles visitor notes are the enormous boat and machine shops of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company.

We next notice an elevated sidewalk, reaching from the docks to the town, nearly a quarter of a mile in length, and so high that it makes one dizzy to look over the railings, far below which giant trains and busy trucks and lumbering busses run...

Next comes the new Umatilla Hotel, which is in itself a bonanza of the first magnitude. The Cosmopolitan Hotel a little way beyond, is also an imposing structure, and its proprietor is evidently spending money.

There are in the Dalles four churches, an opera house, a public school building (not nearly large enough for the inmates), two newspapers (the Oregonian and the Times), and the new Academy, in which the citizens take commendable pride.

also formerly of Salem, and as genial and pleasant as of yore.

We did not have time to visit the public school, owing to personal indisposition and the manifold duties of our sojourn, but we hope to, next time.

There are many fine and tasteful residences in process of erection or newly completed, among the more notable being the elegant villa of Mr. Thomas Miller and the handsome home of Deacon Bezly.

On Thursday morning, accompanied by Mrs. C. Donnell, we took a drive upon the picturesque uplands, our outfit a lively team and substantial buggy from the livery stable of R. B. Hood, Esq.

We were delighted to find among many old friends a new acquaintance in the person of Mrs. C. S. Miller, of Miller's bridge. This lady's bridge across the Deschutes River was twice washed away by the flood during the past winter, but is still rebuilt, and the energetic lady, whose husband's interests in the Monumental mines keep him generally away from home, comments on the ungrudging respect of all who know her by her lively department and financial sense.

Father Harman, the great apostle of temperance in this district, was getting ready for a year's sojourn in Chicago, and on Monday night a fine testimonial was tendered him in the Baptist Church by the Eliza Ribbin Club.

Our regular lectures were begun on Tuesday evening in the Baptist Church, and were held during four consecutive evenings. Rev. J. A. Gray, now the popular pastor of the First Baptist Church of Portland, finding this edifice too small for his congregations during his sojourn here, had a gallery constructed around three sides of it, which adds much to its seating capacity.

On Friday at 3 p. m., the friends of equal rights met at the church and organized the Wasco County Woman Suffrage Association. The proceedings were spirited, harmonious and enthusiastic.

signed the constitution, and the society starts out under favorable auspices.

In the evening, after the organization was effected, the public convened, pursuant to previous call, for a ratification meeting, a large audience being present. The undersigned was appointed as a committee to inform Mr. Crandall of his election to the office of President and introduce him as such to the public.

We then inquired the name of the good sister who had had the courage to vote against voting and in face of overwhelming numbers, saying we would like to know her better, when suddenly, like a thunder-clap, came down about our ears an angry scolding from the church beagle, for having, as the merciful man's rights brother asserted, "insulted the lady!"

We were much pleased with the spirit of interest manifested by both ladies and gentlemen in the cause, and we are sure it will not be the fault of the worthy citizens of the Dalles if Wasco county fails to render a rousing vote for Woman Suffrage.

Mr. Hare, of Hillsboro, brother of Hon. W. D. Hare, ex-Collector of the Astoria port, and a strong friend of equal rights, has recently removed to The Dalles to engage in the mercantile business.

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school—these be the limits of women's opportunities, and that, too, when three-fourths of the protected sex must make money or perish.

With these cogitations for company, and the nervous unrest created by the preacher's criticism and the beagle's heartless insult before described, we went aboard the Mountain Queen on Friday night, and listened till daybreak to the ceaseless roar of trundling trucks.

"RIGHTS OF MARRIED WOMEN."

PORTLAND, April 15, 1881.

H. J. Hendershott, of Cove, wishes to know what rights the "Act entitled an Act to establish and protect the rights of married women," passed by the last Legislature, confers upon women which previous laws did not grant, or what additional rights it conferred upon married women.

The question cannot be fully and certainly answered until the Act has received judicial construction. The law is certainly not in the language which the friends of equal rights and fair legislation would have desired; but perhaps it is the nearest approach to such an Act that could be attained by the body that enacted it.

All laws which impose or recognize civil disabilities upon a wife which are not imposed or recognized as existing as to the husband, are hereby repealed: Provided, that this Act shall not confer the right to vote or hold office upon the wife, except as is otherwise provided by law; and for any unjust usurpation of her property or her natural rights, she shall have the same right to appeal in her own name alone to the courts of law or equity for redress that the husband has.

Just what the first clause means, is a disputed question, which perhaps will not be settled until the Supreme Court has passed upon it. "Has it abolished the estate by the curtesy which the husband had in the wife's land at her death?" and "Has it dispensed with the necessity of the husband's joining in the deed to the wife's real estate in order to convey a title?" are still open questions.

The second section of the Act declares the law to be just as I understand that it has been for years in practice in our courts, and therefore entirely useless. It is deceptive—pretends to do something that was already done. It looks well on paper, and was well calculated to catch the uninformed.

I believe that there is no one now willing to father the Act, or claim either affinity or consanguinity with it. But perhaps it is all that could have been done under the circumstances with the material. The Legislature was principally elected upon other issues for other purposes, and of course the true friends of human emancipation could not expect much from them.

LAWYER.

GARFIELD AND THE WOMAN QUESTION.

[From the Clatskanie Democrat.]

In his inaugural, President Garfield grew eloquent on the wrongs of three millions of negroes, but was dumb as an oyster on the wrongs of twenty millions of women. He claimed that the vox populi was the vox dei, and at the same time knew that half of the people of the land are denied all voice in our representative government.