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PLAIN WORDS.

The proprietors of the NEW NORTHWEST have some plain words to say to a portion of its subscribers, and we want them received in the calm and matter-of-fact way all business communications should be heard.

There are on our mailing books the names of quite a number of personal friends of the senior editor who are almost continually in arrears. They are "good for the subscription price a thousand times over," yet they allow their dues to roll up as the years roll round.

There is another class of delinquents—those who specially request the paper because they are friends of the woman movement, saying they will pay as soon as possible, and then allow their accounts to run.

There is another class—those who order the paper, pay for it for a year, and do not want it discontinued when their time expires, their intention being to make a second payment when it is due or soon after.

There are some other varieties of delinquents besides those noted above, but the number in any one of them is not large enough for general classification.

Now, we want it understood that if the paper is worth taking and reading, it is worth paying for. We believe it is a fair exponent of the woman movement and a passably good family and literary paper.

A WOMAN ORATOR.

Miss Stella Bowen delivered the Fourth of July oration at Dayton, W. T., and the Columbia Chronicle prints it in full. Her address was eloquent, graceful and patriotic.

Mrs. S. C. Hayes, of Lincoln, Ill., writes: "Myself and family are very much pleased with your paper, and can hardly estimate the good and pleasure it brings us."

MRS. GARFIELD ON BREAD.

An extract from a letter written by Mrs. Garfield to her husband ten years ago is quoted by The Student of Hiram College, into the hands of whose president it accidentally fell.

All of which is very fine sentiment, and we are glad to see it resurrected by the press. Yet, after all, why should such a fuss be made over Mrs. Garfield, and her bread-making through a single Summer, when millions of women make bread regularly through a long lifetime and never even think the fact worth mentioning, since it is part of their life's daily programme?

Suppose Mrs. Garfield had been obliged to earn that bread before she made it; and suppose that with her feeble strength and dependent family she had been compelled, as thousands of women are, to do double duty on half pay because of her sex; and suppose that she had at last rebelled against this injustice—would she be lauded then?

The wife of the President has never earned a dollar, and does not comprehend the productive struggles of life in any sense. She does not wish to vote. The mother of the President, having had a different experience, does wish for the ballot, but her opinion is as nothing compared to that of the shielded little wife of her illustrious son.

We admire the sentiment of Mrs. Garfield's letter; but we do not admire the fulsome laudation of it with which the press teems, as though she were an exceptional person, when in fact she is not in any sense an extraordinary character among women, except only as she has been fortunate in matrimony.

WILLFUL FALSEHOOD.

The petty papers in Oregon and Washington that make it a practice to systematically misrepresent the aims of the equal rights movement and malign its advocates will no doubt be gratified to learn that the Chicago Tribune also engages in the same disreputable work.

A certain class of females spend the major portion of their time in hiring halls for the purpose of holding conventions and denouncing as abandoned villains all persons who venture to think that woman's proper sphere is her home.

Not only do Woman Suffragists know, but the man who scribbled the above knows, that he has asserted a string of falsehoods; and knowing that he has asserted a series of untruths, he proves himself, to use the tersest expression in the language, a willful liar.

"We would suggest" that the proprietors of the Salem Statesman instruct their new-fledged local editor to conduct his department in a gentlemanly manner.

The strongest argument urged in Italy against Woman Suffrage is that the priests would lose an influence over women.

ANTAGONISM.

"Political equality would arouse antagonism between the sexes!" exclaimed a sciolist, who poised his editorial pencil between his fingers and thumb and looked triumphantly at the bright-faced, happy wife and mother who entered his sanctum and asked him to write a suffrage leader for his little country paper, one day recently.

"Easily enough, ma'am; easily enough. Man is the natural head of the family—the bread-winner, provider and boss."

A meaning glance at the editor's wife, who was clicking types at a case in the hottest corner, with her foot on the cradle rocker, was answered by a bright gleam from her eyes and a quiver of the upper lip that almost melted into a bitter smile.

"Well?" "Now, suppose it was election day, and we could both vote. Do you suppose I would like it if my wife should vote against me?"

"I don't like it when you kill my vote," said the wife, quickly, "but it is because I can't vote too. An even stand-off would allay the antagonism."

"You don't mean to say that you believe in woman's rights?" said the bread-winner and head, as he leisurely lighted a cigar. There was reproach in his tone and evident "antagonism" in his eye.

"I believe in equal rights," was the spirited reply; "and for this reason: I would not object to your vote, even if I did not like it, provided I could have mine too."

"Women were once contented with a secondary position," said the husband, puffing vigorously at his cigar in an excited way.

"You are proving my theory correct by your own admissions," said the voter, dryly. "And I thank no woman for stirring up strife in my family."

And yet this man was, and is, a public teacher. His paper goes regularly to several hundred homes, and he prates eloquently and volubly of individual liberty and inherent rights. But he cannot see that the present self-assertion of woman, to which he so unreasonably objects, is the hope of our higher civilization.

MOCKERY AND INSULT.

It would be vastly amusing to note the absurd egotism of the genus masculine in ignoring women as individual factors in the national idea, if it were not so humiliating to the ignored class to be treated as nonentities that the merriment is lost in indignation.

The political system of the United States is based upon the sovereignty of the individual; under it, every citizen is the equal of every other in his political rights and the possibilities of his career in the State.

To the intelligent, ambitious, aspiring woman who knocks in vain at the citadels of "opportunity" for high promotion, the declaration that the political system of the United States "lifts no barrier in the path of any resolute soul," and "places the highest and lowest stations within the reach of any and all who may aspire to fill them," such is a mockery and an insult.

Does the Monthly mean to tell us that any woman, no matter how intelligent, is the equal of any man in this country in political sovereignty, no matter how idiotic? Will the periodical point us to "lustrous" pages of American history wherein the names of women shine, who have thus emerged from obscurity under this beneficent political system, and come to stand among the prominent ones to whom the world does homage?

OVERWHELMING.

Readers of the NEW NORTHWEST will doubtless be over-awed with astonishment when they learn through the kindly teaching of the Port Orford Post that it is "impossible to give the world children only as God Almighty himself ordered in the beginning!"

The picture painted by the Post would be a fearful one if true. To look at it, if one didn't know better, would lead him to think that no woman, if a wife, is at any time or under any circumstances exempt from child-bearing.

Free womanhood will regulate these things, and motherhood will then become an honor and a blessing. It is vastly amusing to note the terrible conclusions that some men jump at whenever they contemplate the awful consequences they conjure up as a result of woman's liberty.

RINGING WORDS.

Mrs. Fawcett, the amiable and accomplished wife of the Postmaster-General of England, recently presided at a suffrage meeting at the Westminster Palace Hotel in London.

The arguments which have been used against Woman Suffrage are difficult to answer, chiefly on account of the flimsy character they assume. For one thing, we are told that women should not have a vote because the battle of Hastings was not won by a woman.

A GALLANT ACT.

Francis Whittaker, of Colorado, who was present at the Tremont Temple meeting of the National Woman Suffrage Association in May, says, in a letter to Mrs. Smith, President of the Fort Collins Woman Suffrage Association:

On Thursday evening the ladies of Philadelphia presented Miss Anthony with an elegant gold cross. Miss Anthony made a short speech of thanks, and then the cross was passed down to the reporters' table to be inspected.

Last Thursday afternoon, while a construction train was backing down from Dayton, and crossing a road a mile above Waltsburg, it was thrown from the track, smashing it up, and killing Dr. G. W. Southard, surgeon, and E. Hartman, fire department, and walking, not seriously, Isaac Wilson and J. C. Clark.