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A NEW SERIAL.

The publishers of the NEW NORTHWEST are happy to announce that they will, on the 15th of September, begin the publication of a serial story from the pen of Mr. A. A. Cleveland, of Astoria, entitled "The Beginning of the End; or an English Tale." This story comprises twenty-five chapters, is of a quaint, peculiar and original style, and carries the characters through the different phases of English law and custom with strict fidelity to fact. It commences with the marriage of the heroine, and follows her through the numerous vicissitudes that may befall any woman, even in many parts of America, if her husband is disposed to take advantage of the Common Law. The author has worked up the plots and counterplots of the story in a manner that bristles throughout with points of intense interest. The incidents follow each other in rapid succession, and the different elements of human passion are vividly depicted. The story is a spontaneous outgrowth of the author's heart and brain, and as such we shall present it to our readers, without other embellishment than that prescribed by printers' rules. It combines the fascination of a novel with the attractiveness of history.

WOMEN DOCTORS EXCLUDED.

London advices report that women were excluded from the sessions of the late International Medical Congress, though they had been admitted to the six previous meetings. Forty-three properly qualified women practitioners entered a protest against the exclusion, but it had no effect. Dispatches say that "at a preliminary meeting of the Executive Committee, the majority were in favor of admitting women, but they were overruled by Sir William Jenner, who declared that he was empowered to remove the name of the Queen as patron of the Congress if women doctors were admitted to the medical meetings." We are not surprised at Dr. Jenner's conduct, for it was he who said, when the admission of women to the medical department of London University was under discussion, that "he would rather his daughter should be on the dissecting table than a student in the medical school." But we are disappointed and amazed at Queen Victoria's position. It displays marvelous intolerance and bigotry. The London papers that have mentioned her action disapprove of it, and American journals both in the East and the West readily condemn it. We give this quotation from the Standard of this city as a fair sample of the criticisms:

Here we have a woman, the nominal head of an empire, saying that another woman—no other woman—ought to be permitted to discuss anatomy, physiology, pathology, therapeutics, and kindred topics, in a congress of doctors! The Queen shows no signs of abdicating her political power in favor of her male heir, apparently; yet she assumes to say what other women shall do to gratify an honorable ambition or win a livelihood. This is not only bigoted and unreasonable, but there is a flavor of impudence about it that will pose Victoria in a contemptible light as well as bring her the deep resentment of the liberal-minded everywhere. She is far behind her royal relative of Germany, the Empress, who not only encourages women to enter the medical profession, but actually employs a woman doctor in her family.

In view of the fact that there is some agitation in this city for an ordinance to prohibit smoking by boys and the selling of tobacco to minors, it is well to state the experience of Santa Cruz, Cal., with a similar law. Cigarette smoking has almost entirely disappeared there. Most youngsters smoke just for the "manliness" of the act, and do so publicly with pride while not under the surveillance of parents. The ordinance nips this youthful pride and incentive, and when banished to the rear to smoke, the boy can't see the "manliness" of the act, and so cares much less about it.

On the third page of this paper will be found an editorial from the Pacific Christian Advocate, entitled "Godless Schools," which treats of our public educational system in a calm, dispassionate, dignified and intelligent manner. We do not remember to have ever read in a sectarian paper a more sensible article on our free schools. The tone of the religious press generally would be vastly improved if there were more thinking and independent editors like Rev. Mr. Hines.

The President's condition remains very unsatisfactory. The reports of the case are very conflicting. It is certain that he has hardly improved since our last issue, and the doctors seem to be hoping against hope. Several leading newspapers are clamoring for a change of physicians as the only chance of saving his life.

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFRAGISTS.

There is a class of people who suppose the advocates and upholders of the Woman Suffrage movement are eccentric, fanatical, and totally different in appearance and dress from the average run of humanity. The persons who make this supposition have not improved their opportunities for observation, or they would know that the suffragists comprise what may be termed the staid and better portion of the people; not the "low," debased and dangerous elements, nor the "high," excessively fashionable, and generally worthless sets, but the industrious and thoughtful professional, agricultural, business and mechanical classes, who give to the nation the greatest names that adorn its history. If some of the carping opponents of the movement, who assume that the suffrage journals get their subscribers from irrational people, could examine the NEW NORTHWEST'S mailing books, a revelation would come to them. They would find therein the names of a large portion of the leading men and women of the cities and towns of Oregon and Washington.

We took the trouble recently to puncture the puffed-up importance of a conceited individual, who invaded our office and stated that "prominent men gave the movement no recognition or support." We indeed him to mention numerous gentlemen whom he thought "took no stock in it," and in four-fifths of the cases we directed his attention to their names on our lists, showing them to have been steady subscribers for years. The man was surprised. A new light appeared. It began to dawn on him that the unreasoning declamation against the movement by noisy and ignorant shouters was no reflex of the popular feeling of thinking people on the subject. In Portland in particular he was surprised at the solid financial and professional standing of many of our patrons. He left our office in a mood altogether different from his important, supercilious and egotistical manner of entry. If he and others like him will attend the Woman Suffrage conventions, and also the receptions at their close, they will learn how deeply they have been in darkness. They will be like the Cincinnati opponent of the cause who was present at the banquet given in Indianapolis by ladies in honor of the gentlemen of the Legislature who passed the resolution for a Woman Suffrage amendment to the Constitution of Indiana. The guest had seen nothing in many of the newspapers in connection with the movement but slurs about coarse, bad-mannered and ill-dispositioned women, and he attended the reception more from curiosity than anything else. He found that a programme had been prepared, consisting of short addresses, music and toasts, which was well carried out and keenly enjoyed, and a local journal says he "did not during the evening recover from his surprise at the revelation that so many gentlemen prominent in the professions, and so many ladies with pretty toilets, fine, high-bred manners and charming conversation, were really suffragists." There is no doubt that when he left he was satisfied that suffragists are not composed of "dowdy wives and slovenly husbands, sour old maids and cross-grained bachelors, long-haired men and short-haired women." However, if these descriptions did embrace the suffragists, the justice of their cause would not be impaired. The ballot is not hedged about by different lengths of hair or the cut of clothes.

THE MINISTERIAL TONE.

The Methodist Episcopal Conference of Oregon and Washington, which has just closed in East Portland, was interesting and harmonious throughout. There was considerable animation at times, which only served to render the proceedings more attractive. Bishop Harris presided very creditably. He is pleasant in voice and manner, and occasionally created slight mirth at the expense of delegates. The latter were generally sprightly and quick in their remarks, there being a gratifying absence of the canting voices so often noticeable during the delivery of sermons. But they were speaking on the "spur of the moment," with no time to think of the use of sepulchral tones. If preachers generally could be made or induced to adopt natural and rational ways of speaking, the fruit of their discourses would be much greater. Many persons listened with pleasure during the Conference to the ready remarks of men whose hollow-voiced sermons make them fidget uneasily in their church pews. A drawn and extra-sanctimonious face in the pulpit, giving forth grave-yard tones, is found to be an animated countenance in the Conference, speaking naturally and lively. We can see no reason in using the affected style at all; but if it must be used, we suggest that it be at the Conferences and not in Sunday services. When the ministers are together they may vie with each other in uttering terrible tones; but let their congregations be spared. In our local columns will be found a list of the pastors assigned to the more prominent places.

Massachusetts, New York and Mississippi held State Greenback Conventions yesterday and made nominations. The following was adopted by the Massachusetts convention:

Resolved, That suffrage is the right of all citizens, without regard to race, color, sex or taste.

A communication from an Astoria clergyman, addressed to the senior editor, has been received, and will be held to await her action when she returns home.

SNUBBED BY THE QUEEN.

The marriage of the Baroness Burlett-Coutts and Mr. Ashmead Bartlett has subjected both of them to an apparently endless amount of abuse and ridicule, because the bride is aged and wealthy and the groom is rather young and poor. The paragraphs of the day have opened their batteries of sarcasm and derision on "the union of a boy with his grandmother," and have maliciously or heedlessly cast many a barbed and envenomed shaft into her impulsive and generous heart. And now comes the news that Queen Victoria has "snubbed" or "cut" her at a lawn party at Windsor, because "she had no sympathy with the singular marriage."

While granting that the marriage was foolish, we cannot refrain from condemning the treatment accorded to the Baroness. Were this good and noble woman the only person who had married a young partner, there might be some excuse for these insults; but every day we read of the marriages of aged and wealthy men to young and impecunious maids. They have committed acts of folly equally as great as hers. The union of a crusty old bachelor or widower and a young woman is certainly none the less reprehensible than that of a "grandmother" and a "boy." Both are unwise and unnatural. But society raises no hue and cry against the men; the woman only is condemned. Their act is not regarded as a sin even; but hers is treated almost as a crime. The Baroness has always lived a blameless and exemplary life, receiving the world's well-earned applause, but is now to be frowned upon and punished for an act that would attract only passing notice, except by reason of her sex. Truly is it said that she is a woman whose right hand has poured out countless thousands at the cry of human distress, and who has never turned a deaf ear to the wail of the hard-faring poor. In after years she will not be judged so harshly as at present. We fully accept this prophetic paragraph from the Boise City Statesman:

The historian of the future, in writing his biography of the Baroness, will deal with her more kindly than the penny-press of to-day. He will see a gentle and confiding old woman, whose daily walks in the paths of grace had led her somewhat apart from the wiles of designing adventurers like the male figure in this caricature upon God's holiest ordinance. Her life has been one of goodness and charity, which the Savior himself has upheld as the noblest of all Christian virtues. And we therefore pray that the same boundless charity which "covers a multitude of sins" may likewise atone for a single act of folly.

And now a word about Victoria's "cut." The Queen will certainly be lowered in the world's esteem by her conduct toward one of the most favorably known of her subjects. It is impossible to read of her slight without recalling to mind the difference of the women. The Baroness is sympathetic, whole-souled and generous; always bestowing charity lavishly and wisely in needed places; ever kindly remembering and cordially receiving her friends. The Queen is so economical as to be positively stingy. A soldier who saved her life when she was a girl is now forced, in the eighty-third year of his age, to make known to the world his utter poverty and helplessness and beg from Her Majesty's subjects. It is current remark that for a wedding gift in royal life she always sends an India shawl, because it costs her nothing, numbers of them being presented to her. These gossip reflections are not pleasant, especially when we remember with what wisdom Victoria has reigned; but they will come when we ponder over her treatment of a woman whose previous life and works entitle her to leniency of judgment for one step that to others appears singular and foolish.

From the Jacksonville Sentinel: "While out hunting cows one day last week, Miss Annie Savage, daughter of James Savage, of Rogue River, shot and killed a panther measuring eight feet in length. She was accompanied by her sister Esther and a couple of dogs. The young lady mentioned generally takes a gun along for any game that comes in sight, but this last act of hers is a plucky one, to say the least."

The Women's Emigration Society, of which the late Duchess of Westminster was the founder, held their meeting recently in the saloon of Grosvenor House, England, which had been closed since her death until this occasion. The society is a success, and some letters were read from Irish girls in New York expressive of gratitude for the aid given them.

Mrs. C. C. Steele, a sister of ex-Senator Conkling, has completed her twelfth year of service in the searchers' department of the New York Custom House. She has charge of the woman searchers for contraband goods on the Cunard and other docks, and is located in Jersey City. It remains to be seen whether or not her brother's enemies will demand her removal.

The Co-operator is a monthly journal devoted to the best interests of mechanics and all working-men and the propagation of cooperative principles. It is handsomely gotten up, and well worthy of the patronage of all who work for wages. W. H. Dodge, of East Portland, is the agent for it, and he will furnish sample copies to any who may wish to examine it.

The Sunday Chronicle makes some sensible remarks on the subject of advertising; but they lose their force when its columns are looked over and found to contain the large electrotype of a Denver land company which was suppressed a year ago for being a swindling concern.

THE "CAT" NEEDED.

The whipping post is needed for a wretch living on E street, near North Fourth. His name is Gibson, and he beats his wife in a shameful manner. Last night he was indulging in this pastime. About midnight the neighborhood was aroused by the unearthly yells and shrieks of his wife and children. (He was evidently giving the woman a severe practical proof of the superiority of man. The wailing shrieks of the wife, aided by the piteous cries of the children, begging him to stop his brutality, made the night hideous. Once his wife reached the window and cried for an officer, shouting that her husband was killing her. It was some time before officers arrived in response to calls, and then the brute had forced the woman and children to be quiet, and fastened the doors and windows. The "protected" wife was evidently in such mortal terror that she was afraid to come to the door, and the police could not break open the house unless there was a disturbance at the time of their arrival. The neighbors will take active measures to stop his brutish actions, if he does not immediately quit them. The next Legislature should provide the "cat" for such chaps as he.

Mr. T. M. Draper, editor of the Wasco Sun, says in last week's paper: "We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to address the Yamhill County Woman Suffrage Association at North Yamhill on November 16th. As it is a cause in which we are much interested, we accept with pleasure."

Mrs. Jennie Jewett, of White Salmon, W. T., has been carrying the mails between that place and Camas Prairie, a distance of twenty-seven miles, making trips weekly. The work is severe, but the stimulus of remuneration enables her to stand it.

GENERAL NEWS.

Serious Indian troubles continue in New Mexico and Arizona.

A big war is brewing between prominent Western railroads.

The boiler-makers have organized a national defensive and protective union.

Fifty delegates attended the anti-monopoly convention at Utica, N. Y., on the 20th inst.

It is again reported that detectives have "obtained a clew and are about to get Stewart's body."

The report is positively denied that Mr. Arthur contemplates insisting on assuming Presidential duties.

A sanitary engineer of New York thinks the President is afflicted with malaria, that subtle and undefined disorder.

The widow of ex-President Fillmore made numerous public bequests, among them being one of \$20,000 to the University of Rochester.

An Illinois man tied a boy to a railroad track and watched the cars mutilate him. The fiend was caught and will probably be lynched.

San Francisco's missing County Clerk, Stuart, has returned. It is said his bondsmen paid \$3,000 into the treasury to make his accounts correct.

Lieutenant Flipper, the noted colored cadet, has been arrested at San Antonio, Texas, for defrauding the government. He attempted to desert to Mexican soil.

There is a "war of races" in Morrilton, an Arkansas village, growing out of a negro's whipping some white children. Fights between whites and blacks are common.

Secretary Windom has given notice that the Treasury Department will redeem, without rebate of interest, outstanding 5 per cent. registered bonds, funded loan of 1881.

Captain Howgate, of Polar expedition fame, is under arrest at Washington for having robbed the government of a large sum of money in fitting out the Gulnare, which was ostensibly paid for by himself.

Italians in New Orleans have put in operation a conspiracy to control the fruit business. By bold and open threats they kept intending outside dealers from purchasing one vessel's cargo, until bananas, etc., were spoiled.

Boss Kelly and Mayor Grace, of New York, are said to have smoothed over their differences, the basis of the treaty being an equitable division of city patronage, and Tammanyites will again approach the public crib in fair numbers.

Her British Majesty's ship Gannet has been ordered from Victoria to Honolulu, because, it is said, fears are entertained that the United States intends to gobble up Kalakaua's kingdom. It is said ships of other naval powers are ordered to rendezvous there.

Disastrous fires seem to be the rule in Eastern Washington. The latest occurred at Cheney on Saturday last, when Payne & Rich's and other stores were burned. The losses aggregate about \$15,000, Payne & Rich bearing about \$9,000 of it, with \$7,500 insurance. They will rebuild at once.

Senator Beck, of Kentucky, sensibly says that in case of the President's death, he would favor the election of some conservative Republican, like Henry B. Anthony, of Rhode Island, as President pro tem of the Senate, and thus avoid any inducement for an insane person or political fanatic to murder General Arthur.

The Chicago Tribune says that Hartmann, the Russian Nihilist, has been in that city and was interviewed by one of its reporters, and that "he is not favorably impressed with the system of government here, which is on too small a pattern and of too common an order for a model." The Tribune is such a notoriously untruthful sheet that this may be taken with allowance.

Nebraska's high-license liquor law has been declared constitutional (last week "un") was precluded to the word). It provides a license of \$1000 a year in cities having over 10,000 population, and \$500 a year in places having over 5000. The whisky men of Omaha are still fighting it, and are raising their pleas as usual. The City Council has refused to pass an ordinance for the issuing of licenses, several members being saloon-keepers, and they have been arrested.