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The Rule of American Women

Those who voted in favor of woman suffrage at the recent election claim they cast the right ballot, and no doubt, pat themselves on the back as a hero in having participated in that great victory for women. They assisted the cause because they did not thoroughly understand it. Ask any number of men to explain the meaning of woman suffrage, and through ignorance of the cause for which they voted, they will be unable to furnish an intelligent explanation.

Evelyn Baker Dodd, in "The Christian Herald," says: "History teaches us that when this country was first settled, and for generations following, the women were in the back ground. They remained silent in the churches and out of public life, remaining strictly in their own home where they undoubtedly wielded a powerful and lasting influence. There was no question as to their 'rights.' Having all the liberty they desired, they never dreamed of lack of freedom. And thus the country grew and prospered."

"After awhile there was a 'rattling among the dry bones' of household duties. They were called 'drudgery.' The maternal tasks that were once labors of love became monotonous, irksome, and beneath the dignity of women, who, being equal with men, were fitted for higher spheres of action. Thus they reasoned. The leaven spread with marvelous rapidity. The foot leaped from the cradle and into the arena of public life.

The ranks have been swelled along the years, until the twentieth century beholds them full panoplied at the polls in five states.

The country has grown marvelously in material wealth—in everything that is embraced in that comprehensive word "success"—a development wonderful and rapid beyond human calculation—and women are everywhere in evidence. They rule outside no where once they ruled in the home; but, like everything in nature, and art as well, when diverted from the appointed place and use, there is confusion, and in the end disaster. We are startled to hear the question asked, "What shall it profit a man or nation if he gain the whole world and lose those highest qualities without which neither man nor country can hold that dearly bought success which, alone, can no more support the pillars of government than fibers of straw?"

The foundation of the State must be of rock, not sand, and women's shoulders are not strong enough to bear the burden, nor to support it after it is built. Lacking strong mental fiber and full muscular development, possessing as they do a hypersensitive nervous system, if they rule at all it must be with other forces. Therein lies the danger. Tyranny that will fall first and heaviest on the shoulders of women themselves—on the women in the "file"; for it is a well known fact that women cannot sit in judgment upon the sins of each other, nor can they rule each other with that mercy required by justice and charity. The few splendid exceptions but more forcibly prove the rule. Then, where to turn for relief, if women are once given full powers?

In the meantime, man, thrown

out of his province, as a consequence will have degenerated; his arm will be weakened, his hand will have lost its cunning, his brain cells from disuse will have deteriorated, and timidity will take the place of courage. You think a "henpecked husband" a lamentable thing? So it is, but what of a henpecked nation? Women by nature are more cautious than men. Therefore, while they are considering, "making up their minds," real progress passes and they are left to follow, not to lead. They are also more tenacious, obstinate and prejudiced than men; consequently, more provincial. Above all else, they abhor a compromise! It is all or none for them, and they generally demand all. They do not take kindly to negotiations. They have a liking for details. "Enterprises of great pith and moment" do not appeal to them. Women would never have built the Panama Canal nor would they demand government ownership of Alaska. How long then under the rule of American women will this nation remain a World Power?

You may think they do not want to rule—only vote. Women will never be satisfied simply to cast a ballot. Above all else they love and admire fame. Ambition in their breasts is a consuming fire. Once they were contented with fame for husband or relative; now they strive to have it for themselves; and they are going to get it at all hazards! They have ruled in the home; now they aspire to rule in State and nation. They have won in five states and are pressing on to victory in others while men look on with an indigent smile as if only a kind of pink tea were taking place, not at all realizing that their own high prerogatives are menaced. Let the power already gained and the use made of it be examined to determine what women have accomplished with it. If ever a broom sweeps clean it is when it is new; if not then there is little to be expected after it has grown old in service. Now is the accepted time to determine if the States have gotten value received for the serious gift of a franchise to women. Let us see: In Utah, where women are truly in bondage, they have not voted out polygamy. They did not vote out Senator Reed Smoot, a Mormon, when all the women in the country clamored for it. Twelve States do not allow children to work at night; Colorado, Wyoming and Utah have no such laws. Twenty eight States provide for factory inspection; Wyoming has none at all. Twenty one States have juvenile courts, which they secured without the vote of women, except Colorado, in which last named State the salaries of women teachers are lower than those of men teachers, while the husband and wife are jointly liable for the family finances. Thirty eight States compete for women at work; Idaho has no such law. The best laws for women and children are not in the States where women vote.

This is a poor showing! A woman's state of things than where men alone conduct the affairs of state and government. It can never be better, even through the suffragists sweep the country from Maine to Florida.

Women do not recognize the fact that "the overcoming of force or power must be by a greater force," and this they do not possess. They prove their weakness in the spectacular masquerade and show of a strength which they have not; in the splutter and noise and physical tactics they adopt. They seem to ignore the fact that the weapons with which their greatest victories have been won throughout all history have not been carnal, but the most powerful of all influences: gentleness, tenderness and goodness in life, which assert themselves only in some form of silent conflict, the "role that changes weakness into

strength." There should be a halt called now; acquiescence and encouragement should be withdrawn and women advised to return to their homes, where they are sadly needed, and cast all their talents and influence there—to do the work which is their especial mission, and which cannot be consigned to men—a mission so great that if they should vote from now until doomsday they could not equal it in magnitude.

Women are needed in the homes to stem the tide of crime that is sweeping over the land—crime in high places as well as in the slums, which indicates the lack of right training of the young and the absence of high moral influence. These criminal boys and girls, men and women, have mothers upon whom rests the responsibility of right training. They have neglected their children, who are well nigh motherless and homeless, and have allowed their race for so called freedom to absorb all their time and interest, to the ruin of their offspring, their country and themselves.

There may not be originality in stating that one must be either born to rule or trained through generations to rule, but there is great truth in it. The American women, pampered, self-indulgent, without poise, lacking stability, impatient of restraint, highly emotional, undisciplined, has no claim to either.

What benefits that will be derived by the different sections of Oregon and especially Central Oregon, the newly developed or developing section of Oregon, by the exhibits now on display at the Northwest Land Products Show in Portland at this time.

The person who desires to know and learn of this section and what can be produced may visit this exhibition and in this favored land of ours can not only see the products grown, but they can talk with a representative of that particular section, and will gladly tell the nature of his soil what methods of cultivation get the best results, what they cost and what profit he makes. If he desires to go into scientific details, he can visit the exhibit of the Oregon Agricultural College and talk with the professors and their assistants. In fact, by visiting this show, one can learn all that it is possible to know without going to the land itself and cultivating it.

All the several climates have made displays, from the extremely humid coast belt to the dry farming belt of Central Oregon. There are crops grown under irrigation, in the humid climates where irrigation is unnecessary and in the dry land where it is impossible.

The arrangement is striking and artistic and, being according to sections, gives an idea of the wealth of the country at one glance. Though apples predominate, one can easily see that in this part of the world we do not by any means live on apples alone.

That the Pacific Northwest is the land not only of opportunity, but of unlimited opportunity. If a man will but work, he can find profitable work to suit any taste or natural bent. He need but go to the show, make his choice and learn from the prize winner in each line how to go to work and achieve success.

Petition For Liquor License

To the Honorable County Court for Crook County State of Oregon: We the undersigned legal voters of Ashwood Precinct Crook County Oregon respectfully petition your honorable body to grant a license to E. D. Gonsor to sell spirituous malt and vinous liquor and hard cider in quantities less than one gallon in Ashwood Precinct Crook County State of Oregon, for a period of six months beginning on the first day of January 1913:

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Sheriff's Sale on Execution in Foreclosure

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Crook county, upon a judgment rendered in said court on the 21st day of October, 1912, in favor of Madras State Bank, a corporation, plaintiff, and against W. F. Hammer, Fannie S. Hammer and R. L. Sabin, defendants, for the sum of \$2,706.45, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 21st day of October, 1912, and the further sum of \$13.00 costs, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the clerk's office of Crook county, State of Oregon, on the 21st day of October, 1912, commanding me to sell the certain mortgaged real property of the defendants described as follows, to-wit: sec. 13, tp. 12s., r. 23e., and the sec. 14, tp. 12s., r. 23e., and sec. of sw4 and sec. of nw1 of sec. 14; also commencing at the ne corner of sec. 13, thence west 39 rods, thence south 183-4 rods, thence east 3 rods, thence south 5 rods, thence west 16 rods, thence north 23 3-4 rods, thence west 58 rods, thence south 160 rods, thence east 160 rods, thence north 160 rods to place of beginning; all in tp. 12s., r. 23e., W. M., in Crook county, Oregon. Notice is hereby given that I have levied upon and will on Monday, December 9th, 1912, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the north door of the county court house in Prineville, Crook county, Oregon, sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest the said defendants, W. F. Hammer, Fannie S. Hammer and R. L. Sabin, had in and to said mortgaged real estate on the 21st day of October, to satisfy said judgment in favor of Madras State Bank, a corporation, and costs and accruing costs. Said sale to be made subject to redemption in the manner prescribed by law.

Sheriff's Sale on Execution in Foreclosure

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Crook county, upon a judgment rendered in said court on the 21st day of October, 1912 in favor of Olympia Beer Agency, a corporation, plaintiff, and against A. W. Howell, defendant, for the sum of \$678.24, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and the further sum of \$15.00 costs, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the clerk's office of Crook county, State of Oregon, on the 21st day of October, 1912, commanding me to sell the certain mortgaged real property of the defendant described as follows, to-wit: N1 of lot 3 in block 19 in the town of Madras, formerly Palmetto, as the same is of record in the clerk's office at Prineville Oregon. Notice is hereby given that I have levied upon and will on Monday, December 9th, 1912, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the north door of the county court house in Prineville, Crook county, Oregon, sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest the said defendant, A. W. Howell, had in and to said mortgaged real estate on the 21st day of October, to satisfy said judgment in favor of Olympia Beer Agency, a corporation, and costs and accruing costs. Said sale to be made subject to redemption in the manner prescribed by law.

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