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W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

All matter for this column is supplied by the Josephine County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Y. and L. T. Branches.

On August 2 the Grants Pass Woman's Christian Temperance Union held an exceptionally interesting and profitable meeting. Mrs. C. G. Ament, Superintendent of Franchise department furnished a program which consisted of vocal music by Misses Ella Savage, Lulu Lund and Kittie Loughridge. Recitation by Mrs. Laura Gonnell. Brief paper by Mrs. Whipple upon the advisability of Franchise from a religious standpoint, also one by Mrs. Caldwell from the standpoint of a mother.

Important questions were discussed and a further consideration to be had at next meeting.

Following is the paper by Mrs. Weidman upon the subject "The Advantages of Suffrage from an Educational Standpoint."

Higher Education is the very highest pinnacle to be reached by the human mind. A person with an ambition for a higher education and the putting forth of that ambition by unceasing and undefatigable efforts to gain that education is sure to bring about a condition in their physical as well as their mental and moral natures whereby as they gain that that is good and scientific in the same proportion they lose that which is low and carnal. It is very seldom that you see a person who striving to reach the higher places in life and to master the greater problems in science, that possess low desires but rather the lower degrees of life are repulsive to them. Therefore in Education we find the fundamental principles of all that it takes to make the world better. Our Heavenly Father in the creating of man and woman saw fit to place much less of the animal nature in the average woman than he did in man. Man has the greater power of strength therefore he takes pride in that strength and enjoys using that power to wield his little scepter of authority and that condition will last until he is educated up to the point of knowing that while he may have the greater amount of physical strength she has as much endurance and a greater amount of electricity of nature than he and the time is certainly not far remote when our brothers will see this more clearly and woman and man will stand on the same level in saying who shall rule this mighty country of ours and how it shall be ruled.

"Visit our schools of today and you will find many more girls than boys in our graduating classes. Don't think for one minute that those girls are going to sit down and never be heard from again or that they are going to sink into oblivion and all those years of hard labor and study be laid on the shelf while they attend only to the duties of wife and mother. No, a hundred times, no—it gives them the power to stand equal on all subjects with their husbands and even a prenatal influence on the little ones of the home as well as the greater influence during the growth of the child. Then, show me why should not that mother have a right to say who should set the examples before her children in government, state and municipal affairs. We hear some one say: 'Oh, it causes divorces and dissensions in families if women vote.' If we pick up any of the papers we find there are not a few divorces now and what is the cause of nine-tenths of them? Can it not be traced directly to a place where no good woman would allow it to stay if in her power to get rid of it? On the divorce question, I will give as my authority the Hon. Lewis W. Cunningham, judge of the First Judicial District of Colorado. He said: 'I believe the greatest good that has so far resulted from equal suffrage in this state has been quite indirect; first it has compelled men to think twice of woman and her rights where he thought of her not at all; second, it has compelled woman to read and investigate for herself. The fears that homes would be broken up and women become immodest and masculine have never been realized; having had about as large an experience in matters connected with divorce litigation since 1893 as any man in the state, I am prepared to say that a divorce due to political differences is so far an unheard of occurrence.'"

"A great book concern in Denver once stated that they had sold more books on political and social subjects in the eight months following the Fall of 1893 than they had sold in 30 years before. To question that good most follow such an awakening would be treason to our public school system. 'Bryant B. Brooks, governor of Wyoming says: 'During my resi-

dence of seven and one-half years in Wyoming, I have found that the women I have met have had a vital interest in all that makes for the best things in city, country or state. This interest has been expressed in the quiet, earnest influence which characterizes the power which good women wield everywhere as well as at the ballot box.' He also emphasizes that bad women do not exert an appreciable influence in politics, also that he thoroughly believes that woman's work for home, church and state is much more helpful because of the broader outlook upon life which the franchise of necessity gives a woman. One of the greatest wars the world has ever known was fought to the finish and what was the cause? Taxation without representation. If tomorrow any lady in this room was to be left a widow, whether she be a millionaire or obliged to go to menial labor to support her family, would she have a right to have a voice in saying who should assess her property as how much she should pay? No, she would have a voice in nothing only walk up and pay whatever they charged, but the penalty stands out in bold relief if she don't pay it, they don't tell her then she is only a woman and cannot or need not; and again, where is the justice in having some alien from foreign coasts come here,—cannot write his own name, neither read the ballot he is about to cast and knows no more about the politics of our country than a parrot, but he has his naturalization papers and of course a right to vote and votes for the man that pays him the most for his vote. It is humiliating to think such men are given superior power over the broad-minded, educated women of today and that these very women must be classed on the voting question with idiots and criminals.

"I am persuaded that the ballot in the hands of women will become a real force for reform when the great body of women learn to stand together for what they want as does the liquor traffic and other strong interests. I believe the time will come when all good women will realize that the franchise is comparatively useless if it shall not protect their own beloved. I look forward to the day when the white ballot of a consecrated womanhood shall snow under the legalized saloon and home and childhood sheltered behind strong dykes of law shall develop a civic righteousness worthy of our matchless resources and worthy the solemn grandeur of our everlasting hills.

HATTIE L. O. CALVERT,
Press Supt. Grants Pass W. C. T. U.

Permanent Court of Arbitration.

The Hague, Aug. 21.—Nearly all Governments have instructed their peace delegations to endeavor to bring about obligatory arbitration and in addition the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration. In order to save the conference from failure, the efforts of the delegates are directed toward the arrangement of a treaty with Germany, which country thus far has opposed a world treaty, on the ground that it would minimize, rather than promote, obligation to arbitrate.

Stabs His Wife and Kills Himself.

Willows, Cal., Aug. 21.—Joseph Beath made a murderous attack on his wife here last night with a pocket knife, and inflicted four serious wounds, none of which will prove fatal. Beath afterward went to a vacant lot adjoining his home and took a dose of poison. He was found by officers several hours later. Physicians have no hope of saving his life. Jealousy was the cause for the attack.

Will Make No Agreement.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—The Associated Press will not make any agreement with the Commercial Telegraphers' union and will have nothing to do with the striking operators.

This information was reached in Chicago last night by President S. J. Small from a member of the committee of operators who held a conference in New York with General Manager Melville E. Stone to consider the strike situation.

100 Killed in Mine Explosion.

Berlin, Aug. 21.—Directors of the Shantung Mining Company have received a cablegram from Tsingtau announcing the explosion of dynamite underground in the Faangte mine, resulting in two Germans and 100 Chinese being killed.

Woman Dies of Beating.

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Lillie Kearns, a young woman, died yesterday from the effects of a beating she received by unknown hands Monday night in a house occupied by her on Santa Teresa street.

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DIES FROM STARVATION

TOO PROUD TO BEG EDWARD LAVELLE GOES WITHOUT FOOD AND SHELTER.

Chico, Cal., Aug. 21.—With the finding of the body of Edward Lavelle in a field near Nord a tale of starvation seldom equaled at a time when there is abundance of work everywhere and when the Golden State is enjoying nothing but prosperity was unfolded. When Lavelle was found local officers went out to the field to bring the sick man home, but when the rig was near the city he gasped for breath and fell over in the rig dead.

Lavelle's home is in San Mateo and he came here several days ago to find work. His funds gave out, and, being too proud to ask for assistance, he went to the field to sleep. Four days and nights he went without food and on the last was unable to rise in the morning. Passersby saw his condition, but it was too late. His remains will be shipped to San Mateo.

Express Company Blames Platt.

New York, Aug. 21.—Charges by certain shareholders of the United States Express Company that there has been maladministration of the company's affairs from Senator Platt, president of the company, were published today. Platt states that the earnings for the last six months have decidedly fallen off and that an increase of the dividend is unwarranted. Lynde Stetson, one of the directors, said today that the Wells Fargo and the American Express Companies obtained their holdings in the United States Company in the open market, instead of by purchase from the company, as charged by the complaining shareholders' committee.

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