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A Correspondent who Interviews a Woman in Regard to Her Recovery from Illness is so Impressed with the Story and Regards it so Wonderful that He fears to Write the Whole Facts.

READ HIS LETTER AND THE WOMAN'S STORY.

From the Free Press, Beloit, Wis.

WYOMING, WISCONSIN, June 6th, 1896.
Dr. Williams' Med. Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Gentlemen :—Replying to your favor of recent date, I called on Mrs. Jane Culver, of Wyoming, Wis., yesterday. I had heard much about her case before I went to see her. She has so long been regarded by her family and all her neighbors as a hopeless invalid that her present state of health is nothing less than a marvel in this (Wyoming) valley.

For more than a year past, and up to the month of March last Mrs. Culver had lain actually at the point of death. Her neighbors and friends expected daily to be called upon to perform the "last sad offices" for her, and when they learned that she had actually arisen from her bed and could "sit up" it was felt that little less than a resurrection had happened in their midst.

Yet imagine the astonishment when a week or two later it was announced in the "valley" that she could *walk*, and when she was, at last, really able to meet and shake hands with friends in the door, yard, or upon the street, it was felt that truly a miracle had been wrought in their midst.

I found Mrs. Culver, a pleasant faced, attractive little woman, about her household work when I called on June 5th. She was, in fact, picking over gooseberries, and her first remark after greeting was that in all her fifty-eight years she could not recall so "early" a season for fruit and garden stuff as the present. She talked freely of her long, sad illness—the dreary track of pain and weakness over which for twenty years her body had been racked, and told with evident happiness of her wonderful cure. "The truth is," she said, "I was dead and am alive again." And there was no lack of enthusiasm in her voice as she spoke of the sovereign remedy which had wrought such wonder work for her. She was surrounded by the members of her family, her husband, daughter and grandchildren, and Pink Pills was certainly the burden of their happy conversation during my visit.

But her cure, after all, is best summed up in her own simple and succinct statement, which she made in the hope of doing good to others.

Mrs. Culver is a woman of education and refinement. Her husband was postmaster at Wyoming during President Harrison's administration. Among those of their neighbors who can further attest the facts in her case are the present postmaster and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunstan, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Solon Knickerbocker, and scores of others living here in the town and valley of Wyoming.

P. S.—I must confess that I had an idea that patent medicine testimonials were mostly fakes, manufactured in the good-humored spirit of humbuggery which delights the world at large. In this case which I have looked up myself I have found at the first trial a cure so astonishing that I have been afraid to write the facts just as the actual history of the case demanded, I have been truly fearful lest I should seem to overdo and thus spoil this splendid testimonial. I can send you a hundred names of persons who will vouch for the facts as herein stated.

"Yours sincerely and with admiration and respect for Pink Pills.

(Signed) "F. W. C."

The above letter is a reply to a request from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company asking Mr. Calkins to interview the lady mentioned and write up her case for publication. Not the least interesting part of it is Mr. Calkins' own straightforward statement of astonishment at Mrs. Culver's story.

The interview with Mrs. Culver follows:

"I am very glad to add my testimony to the growing evidence of Pink Pill cures. The facts in my case are simply these. Twenty years ago I began having rheumatism—rheumatic pains in my shoulders. This developed later on into what the doctors called chronic neuralgia of the heart. In fact I had a complication of diseases and was doctored and advised for many ailments. I grew steadily worse. Insidiously disease fastened upon me. My liver and kidneys were affected. I had palpitation of the heart until my limbs would grow rigid and my friends would think me dying.

"I sought remedies and medical advice far and near. From Wisconsin to New York I tried physicians of every school. Allopathy, homoeopathy, electric and even clairvoyants and Indian herb doctors. During the years that my husband was post master at Wyoming we had access to heaps of advertising, and through circulars freely distributed, I tried all sorts of remedies and consulted many physicians. Year by year I grew steadily worse, until last year, 1895, I became a bed-ridden invalid, and in March of this year my physician said all I had to do was to close my eyes and die. I was nothing but a skeleton.

"About the 20th of March a neighbor who had been troubled with rheumatism and had been taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills came in and asked me to try them. I had read much about them, but was discouraged with trying new remedies. I commenced their use, however, and in a few days began feeling better. The neuralgia pains fled from the region of my heart and stomach. In one week I was able to sit up for an hour or two at a time. In a little more than two weeks I could walk, and in May I began doing housework. I am now able to do my work and am free from the frightful pains and awful weakness from which I suffered so many years. I owe this state of health to Pink Pills and to nothing else.

"My best wish is that this simple and true statement will induce others suffering as I did to give the pills a trial.

(Signed) "MRS. JANE CULVER."

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of June, 1896.

RICHARD DUNSTAN, *Justice of the Peace.*

We the undersigned, husband and daughter of Mrs. Jane Culver, have read her statement as above and declare the same to be true.

(Signed) DAVID W. CULVER.
MATTIE CULVER.

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OREGON SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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by the Heritage quartette and Mrs. Hallie Parrish-Hinges. The public is welcome to attend tomorrow's services.

WITH THE PHILODORIANS.

Last evening the Philodorian Literary society held an interesting session. The resignation of I. P. Callison, the newly elected president, was accepted and C. K. Brandenburg was elected to that office. This left the office of Vice President vacant but it was duly supplied in the election of I. H. VanWinkle. The new officers were installed last evening.

The subject for debate last evening was: "Resolved that modern machinery is a detriment to the laboring man." The question was thoroughly discussed and a decision was rendered in favor of the negative. The subject for discussion next Friday evening is "Resolved that the general government should not own, or control, the railroad, telegraph or telephone lines of the country."

PHILODOSIAM OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Philodosian literary society, of Willamette University, on Friday afternoon the following staff of officers was elected to serve for the ensuing term: President, Miss Nellie Clark; vice president, Miss Lou Starrett; secretary, Miss Corlie Starr; assistant secretary, Miss Ethel Rigdon; treasurer, Miss Marie Campbell; librarian, Miss Evylyn Geer; sergeant-at-arms, Miss Lucia Cochran; custodian, Miss Minnie Ireton. The new officers will be installed next week. A program had been arranged for the occasion but, with the exception of Miss Marie Campbell, none of the young ladies delivered the orations assigned them. Miss Campbell's oratory is especially worthy of mention. The subject of the young lady's oration yesterday was "A World Without Sunshine," which was very ably handled.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

Salem Lodge, No. A. F. and A. M., Friday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. T. Williamson, W.M., re-elected; J. Bayne, S. W., re-elected; A. B. Gillis, J. W.; John H. Albert, treasurer, re-elected; Thomas H. Reynolds, secretary, re-elected: J. O'Donald, tyler.

A. O. U. W. ENTERTAINMENT.

On next Saturday evening, the 12th inst., Protection Lodge, A. O. U. W., will give an entertainment at the Reed for the members and friends of that order. An address will be given by Grand Lecturer D. C. Herren, of The Dalles. An excellent musical and literary program that has been arranged for the occasion by the Degree of Honor, will be presented.

A JOINT DEBATE.

Arrangements for a joint debate between the Philodosian and Philodorian literary societies of Willamette University, have about been completed. A committee from each society has been appointed who will arrange the date and the subject to be discussed.

MISSIONARY SOCIAL.

The entertainment given last evening, by the Woman's Home Missionary society, of the M. E. church, was indeed, a success. The church parlors were well filled with friends and members of the society. A good program was delivered, and afterwards refreshments were served, and an hour or more whiled away in social conversation. The thank offering amounted to about $25, which will aid the ladies considerably in their work. The program consisted of the following numbers:

Devotional exercise, led by Mrs. John Parsons.

Vocal Solo—Miss Anna Trayers.

Reading—"Gold and Incense," Mrs. W. C. Hawley.

Guitar Quartette—Misses Athalia Brandenburg, Gracie Burdick, Prof. Thiell, and Gaines Ford.

This last number was especially worthy of mention. A guitar quartette is something novel, and it was heartily enjoyed by all. The quartette was obliged to respond to an encore, which they did, with a selection even prettier than the first.

PROFESSOR DUNN'S LECTURE.

A large audience assembled at the University chapel Wednesday evening to hear Prof. F. S. Dunn's lecture on the Acropolis. This is the first of a series of lectures which will be continued during the year.

President Hawley briefly outlined the purpose and scope of the course. He and Prof. Dunn, each without the knowledge of the other, had planned to deliver a number of lectures. By a happy accident the purpose of each became known to the other. As a consequence they decided to unite the programs. Hence during the course Prof. Dunn will lecture one week and President Hawley the next.

Prof. Dunn will discuss subjects of ancient history with special reference to the classics. He will deal particularly with Grecian and Roman history touching especially upon the remote mythology of these two ancient empires.

The professor is an enthusiast upon these subjects and hopes to arouse a more general interest among the people of Salem in regard to them. He is eminently fitted for his work, having taken two years of post graduate work in Harvard on these lines.

President Hawley will favor Salem with some of his famous historical lectures. He will discuss the various phases of the rise and fall of negro slavery in the United States. The compromises of the constitutional convention on this subject, the Missouri compromise, the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, Squatter Sovereiguty, the Dred Scott decision, the Rebellion and reconstruction are the praticular topics which President Hawley will handle.

In addition to these there will be lectures on the Cuban and Armenian questions during the course.

These lectures are free to the public. Their sole purpose is to create an interest in the subjects discussed, and extend the work of the University.

Having outlined the scope of the course, President Hawley introduced Prof Dunn, who proceeded to recite the history of the Acropolis, the various legends connected with it, and its relation to Athenian history. It was the pride of the gods, the haunt of goddesses and nymphs. Neptune and Athena quarrelled over the city, and it was decided by a contest. Neptune smote upon the rock, and a fountain gushed forth. Athena spoke the word and the olive of peace sprung from the ground. The decision fell to Athena and the city was called Athens. Legend and story and myth were told by Prof. Dunn with a peculiar grace and beauty. The final overthrow of this ancient palace of beauty and art was a sad story related with a pathetic charm. The sculpture, the painting, the beauty, the elegance of the ancient world sank forever beneath the flood of eastern barbarism.

Prof. Dunn has a genuine sympathy for his subject that make his lectures unusually interesting.

Next Wednesday evening Prof. Sara Brown Savage and pupils are to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Y.M.C. A., and the first lecture by Pres. Hawley on the "Rise and Fall of the Slave Trade in the United States." will be given on Wednesday evening December 16th.

A WEDDING DINNER.

Sunday, November 29, was the occasion of much rejoicing at the F. M. Taylor hemestead, near Mehama. A dinner was given in honor of the marriage of W. E. Taylor to Miss Lizzie Richards.

The large crowd and many presents attested the high esteem in which the happy couple are held.

Among those present may be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cox, Mr. and Mrs. James Gist, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Seigmund, Mrs. Mattie Woodward, Misses Lila Terrell, Kate Pennebaker, Ida Harris, Mary Doke and Latha Cox; Messrs John Irwin, C. M. Bosler, Thomas Pomroy, Schuyler Gregory, John Richards and George Gist.

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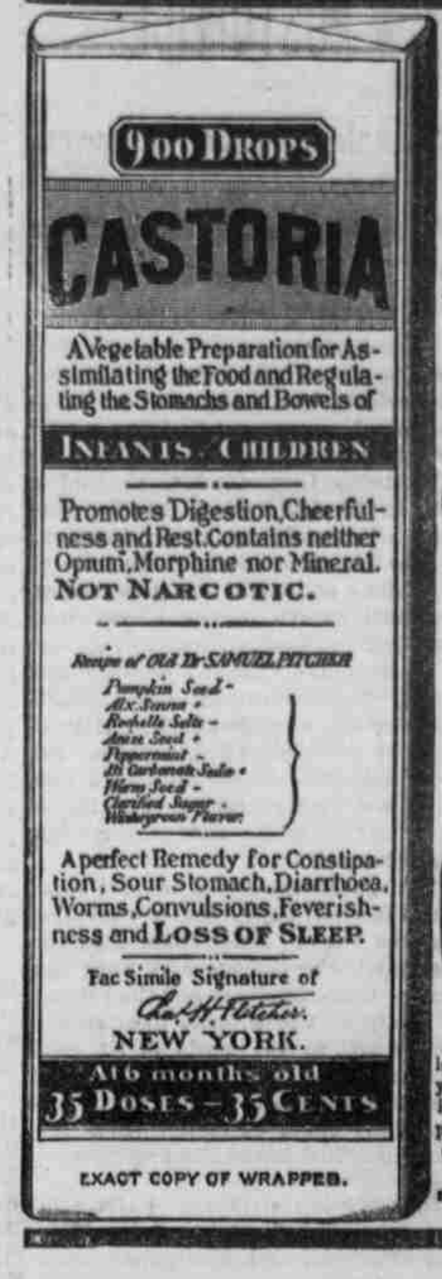

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